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Israel at 70 Conference at Michigan State University

Yael Aronoff, special to the WJN

To commemorate the 70th anniversary of the founding of the State of Israel and reflect on that history, the Michigan State University Jewish Studies Program will host "Israel at 70: Complexity, Challenge, and Creativity" on September 16–17, at MSU's Kellogg Center. The conference will bring together 40 internationally recognized scholars and entrepreneurs from Israel and the United States under one roof to discuss Israeli society, culture, politics, foreign policy, agricultural, biomedical, water, environmental, and business innovation.

A featured keynote speaker is Gilead Sher, who heads the Center for Applied Negotiations at the Tel Aviv Institute for National Security Studies. Sher was chief of staff to former Prime Minister Ehud Barak, and his chief peace negotiator. Another keynote speaker is Oded Shoseyov, an expert in nanobiotechnology who has authored 160 publications and is the inventor of 45 patents. Other experts include Naomi Chazan, professor emerita of political science, who served as a member of the Knesset on behalf of the Meretz Party, served as president of the New Israel Fund, and helped found the International Women's Commission for an Israel-Palestinian Peace. Another prominent speaker is Donna Robinson Divine, professor emerita at Smith College, who is president of the Association for Israel Studies.

Gilead Sher **Oded Shoseyov**

The conference is open and free to the public. The day will offer an amazing array of American and Israeli academic excellence. Meals are complementary and kosher meals may be available if requested. Register at https://msuisraelat70.eventbrite.com

For more information on the conference, call (517) 432-3493 or email to jewishst@msu.edu. ■

Refugee Symposium to be held in October

Laurie Cohen, special to the WJN

Join leaders, scholars, politicians and professionals in learning more about the unique needs of refugees at the refugee symposium: "Keeping Our Door Open: A Multi-Dimensional Approach to Refugee Resettlement". This event will be held on Monday–Tuesday, October 22–23 at the Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies at the University of Michigan. Featured keynote speakers include: Dr. Jeff Crisp, from Oxford University, Refugee Studies Centre; Debbie Dingell, U.S. Representative for Michigan's 12th District; and Mark Hetfield, president and CEO of HIAS.

Dr. Crisp has first-hand experience of humanitarian operations throughout the world and has published and lectured widely on refugee and migration issues. He has held senior positions with the United Nations High Commission for Refugees, the Global Commission on International Migration and Refugees International. He has also worked for the Independent Commission on International Humanitarian Issues, the British Refugee Council and Coventry University.

Dr. Jeff Crisp

Congresswoman Debbie Dingell represents the 12th District of Michigan in the U.S. House of Representatives. Before being elected to Congress, Dingell was the chair of the Wayne State University (WSU) Board of Governors. An active civic and community leader, she is a recognized national advocate for women and children. Much of Dingell's recent work has been focused on ethical issues and social responsibility as they relate to government and business. She co-chaired One United Michigan, which sought to preserve and support programs that ensure equal opportunity in Michigan.

Debbie Dingell

Mark Hetfield, an expert in refugee and immigration law, policy, and programs, is president and CEO of HIAS. Hetfield has led HIAS' transformation from an organization focused on Jewish immigrants to a global agency assisting refugees of all faiths and ethnicities. As a result, HIAS currently is a major implementing partner of the United Nations Refugee Agency and the U.S. Department of State.

Mark Hetfield

The two-day symposium is being hosted by Jewish Family Services of Washtenaw County, University of Michigan School of Social Work, Child Health Evaluation and Research (CHEAR) Center, and University of Michigan Health System. The goal of the symposium is to bring people from together to discuss issues relevant to refugee resettlement. The symposium will be centered on four main topics, Impact and Integration, Transformative Practice, Health and Wellness, and Policy and Advocacy.

To register for the symposium, go to jfsannarbor.org/symposium or call Jewish Family Services at (734) 769.0209. Fees include breakfast and lunch. ■

EMU Center for Jewish Studies opens Performance/ Lecture Series with music and politics

Martin Shichtman, special to the WJN

On Sunday, October 7, in the Student Canter Ballroom, Eastern Michigan University's Center for Jewish Studies will open it's 2018–2019 Performance/Lecture Series with "An Evening With Ari Axelrod: Celebrating Judaism and Broadway." Straight from dazzling cabaret presentations at New York venues Feinstein's/54 Below and The Green Room 42, Ann Arbor's own Ari Axelrod comes to EMU for an evening of musical selections and stories showcasing Jewish contributions to the American stage. This musical performance will include an hors d'oeuvre reception and dessert. Tickets are $250 for a table; $18 per person; $10 students w/id, and can be purchased online at true.mu/axelrod or by phone at (734) 487-6640.

Ari Axelrod **Dr. Michael Berenbaum**

EMU will welcome Dr. Michael Berenbaum to discuss "Not Your Father's Anti-Semitism" on October 15, at 2 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom. Dr. Berenbaum played a leading role in the creation of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and served until 1993 as the museum's project director. He was director of the museum's Holocaust Research Institute from 1993–1997, and then served for two years as president and CEO of the Survivors of the Shoah Visual History Foundation. He is currently director of the Sigi Ziering Institute: Exploring the Ethical and Religious Implications of the Holocaust. Admission to Dr. Berenbaum's talk is free.

For more information about Eastern Michigan University's Center for Jewish Studies, go to https://www.emich.edu/jewishstudies/, or contact Dr. Martin B. Shichtman (jewish.studies@emich.edu) or (734) 487-0978. ■

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High Holidays

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur Services

ROSH HASHANAH	9/9	9/10	Tashlich	9/11
Beth Israel Congregation		8 a.m.	5 p.m.	8 a.m.
Erev Rosh Hashanah Family Celebration	4 p.m.			
Children's Programs, grades K-5/6th-8th		10 a.m.		10 a.m.
Mincha		5:40 p.m.		7:45 p.m.
Shaharit		8 p.m.		
Ma'ariv	8 p.m.	7:55 p.m.		
Desert Reception	9:15-10:30 p.m.			
Teen Lunch & Discussion (GSAC 2010)		noon		
Chabad House		9:45 a.m.	4 p.m	9:45 a.m.
Candle Lighting	7:37 p.m.	8:34 p.m.		
Afternoon/Tashlich	7:35 p.m.	4 p.m.		7:35 p.m.
Sounding of the Shofar		11:30 a.m.		11:30 a.m.
Hillel				
Conservative	7:15 p.m.	9:30 a.m 7:30 p.m.		9:30 a.m
Orthodox (AAOM)	7:15 p.m.	9 a.m/7:30 p.m.		9 a.m./7:30 p.m.
Reform	7:15 p.m.	10 a.m.		
Jewish Cultural Society	7 p.m.		4 p.m.	
Pardes Hannah		9:15 a.m.-1:30 p.m.		
Meditation Service				9:30 a.m.-1 p.m
Tashlich and potluck lunch				1 p.m.
Reconstructionist Congregation	7-8:30 pm	9:30 a.m-1p.m..		10 a.m.
Children's Service		1-5 p.m.		
Temple Beth Emeth	8 p.m.	9 a.m., 10:45 a.m.	1:45 p.m.	
AARTY Rosh Hashanah Service: grades 9-12		11 a.m.		
Birthday of the World		4:30 p.m		

YOM KIPPUR	9/18	9/19	BREAK-THE-FAST
Beth Israel Congregation	7:15 p.m.	8 a.m.	8:20 p.m.
Programs grades K-5/6th-8th		10 a.m. for 9th–12th	7:15 p.m.
(GSAC 2010 Washtenaw)	7:15 p.m.		
Study Session		4:30 p.m.	
Mincha		5:20 p.m.	
Neilah		6:50 p.m.	
Shaharit		8 a.m.	
Yizkor Memorial Services		11 a.m. (approx)	
Chabad House			
Morning Services		9:45 a.m.	
Yizkor Memorial Services		12:30 p.m.	
Evening Services	7 p.m.	5 p.m.	
Fast	7:39 p.m.(begins)		8:15 p.m. (ends)
Candle Lighting	7:21 p.m.		
Hillel			
Conservative	7 p.m.	9:30 a.m./6 p.m.	
Orthodox (AAOM)	5:15p.m./7:15 a.m	9 a.m./7:15 p.m.	
Reform	7 p.m.	10:30 a.m./7:15 p.m.	
Jewish Cultural Society	7 p.m.	2 p.m.	
Break-the-Fast Potluck			6 p.m.
Pardes Hannah	7:20 p.m		8:18 p.m.
Morning Service		9 a.m.	
Open Time/Walking Meditation		2:30 p.m.	
Meditation followed by Brief Study		3:45 p.m.	
MIncha Spiritual Waking		4:15 p.m.	
Yizkor		5:30 p.m.	
Neilah		6:45 p.m.	
Havdallah		8:18 p.m.	
Reconstructionist Congregation	7:30 p.m.	10 a.m.	7:45 p.m.
Kol Nidre Candlelighting.	6:45 p.m.		
Yom Kippur Morning and Torah service		10 a.m.-2 p.m.	
Children's Service		10:30-11:30 a.m.	
Afternoon programming		2:15-5 p.m.	
Yizkor		5:30-6:45 pm.	
Neilah/Shofar		7-8:15 pm	8:15 p.m.
Temple Beth Emeth	8 p.m.		following Neilah
AARTY Kol Nidre Service (Grades 9-12)	8 p.m.	8 p.m.	
Yom Kippur Morning		9 a.m./10:45 a.m.	
Afternoon Study Session		2:45-3:45 p.m.	
Yom Kippur Afternoon Service		4 p.m.	
Yizkor/Neilah		6 p.m.	

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Artist Dennis Gordon exhibition at JCC

Karen Freedland, special to the WJN

Beginning August 29, the works of artist Dennis Gordon will be on exhibition at the Amster Gallery in the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor. The exhibition reception will be held Sunday, September 16, at 3 p.m., and is open to the public. Guests will have the opportunity view the exhibit, enjoy refreshments, and meet and talk with the artist.

Gordon is a professional artist with a degree from Tulane in printmaking, but he works primarily in watercolor, pastel, pen and ink, and woodcuts. He has spent a long period during his career exploring the avenue of creating a combination of two watercolor paintings together. This process involves substantial time to determine which two watercolor paintings would work well together. Then Gordon cuts one painting into strips, and carefully determines where and how to place those strips on to another painting. The result is illusionary, adding dimensions of depth and dynamics of movement greater than either painting originally appeared separately.

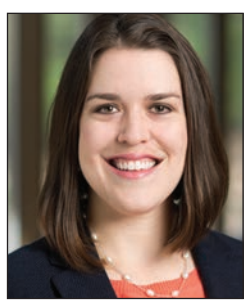
His style fluctuates from semi-realistic to impressionistic and expressionistic. Gordon writes, "I believe that good art should evoke an emotion in the viewer and try to do more than capture an image, but also capture a mood. I am currently pursuing trying to turn some of my richly textured pen and ink drawings into woodcuts. I am doing this with a combination of laser cutting and more traditional wood cutting techniques." The complexity of Gordon's art is belied by the simplicity of his subjects, and creates a visually inspiring experience for the viewer.

Those wishing to attend the reception are asked to rsvp to Karen Freedland, director of Jewish cultural arts and education by emailing her at karenfreedland@jccannarbor.org or calling (734) 971–0990. Guests may also rsvp online via jccannarbor.org by clicking on the exhibition event and following the rsvp link. Gordon's exhibit runs through October 21, 2018. For more information, visit jccannarbor.org or contact Freedland. ■

Aging well the way you are

Rachael Hoffenblum, special to the WJN

Dr. Amanda Leggett will present at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor's Third Thursday @ the J on Thursday, September 20, at noon, to discuss positive aging in her talk, "With Mirth and Laughter Let Old Wrinkles Come: How to Age Well by Playing the Cards You've been Dealt." The media is saturated with stories of super-agers, people who remain illness-free and fit, running marathons or engaging in other higher risk activities well into their nineties. In reality, those individuals make up a minority of aging adults. Dr. Leggett, a research assistant professor for the University of Michigan's Program for Positive Aging and Geriatric Psychiatry, will debunk myths and share strategies for positive living for the majority of us who will indeed encounter age related challenges. She received the Outstanding Postdoctoral Fellow at U-M in 2016 and in 2017 received a Research Scientist Development Award from the National Institute on Aging.



Dr. Amanda Leggett

The next Third Thursday @ the J will be held at noon on Thursday, October 18, and the guest presenter will be Michigan State Representative Yousef Rabhi. All Third Thursday @ the J presentations are free of charge and open to the public. Advance registration is appreciated; sign up at jccannarbor.org or call (734) 971-0990. Participants are welcome to bring their own dairy, nut-free lunch or purchase a lunch from the J's Lunch Café. For those who wish to purchase lunch, all lunches must be reserved at least one day in advance. The Lunch Café menu is catered by local chef Karan Balmer and is available at jccannarbor.org. To learn more about Third Thursday @ the J or the weekly Tuesday/Thursday Lunch Café, contact Rachael Hoffenblum, operations manager and adult program coordinator, at rachaelhoffenblum@jccannarbor.org or (734) 971-0990. ■

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Fall Campaign event line-up announced by Jewish Federation

By Eileen Freed, executive director, Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor

The Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor is proud to announce two exciting autumn events to kick off its 2019 Annual Campaign.

Rabbi Jeffrey Salkin

The Major Gifts event will take place Thursday, October 4, at the Matthaei Botanical Gardens and will feature Rabbi Jeffrey Salkin, author of *Putting God on the Guest List.* Rabbi Salkin is a pulpit rabbi with a national and international reputation as one of America's most quoted rabbis and thought leaders. He has written numerous books on subjects such as Israel, masculinity, righteous gentiles and Jewish history, and his essays have appeared in many respected publications including *The Washington Post, Forward, Wall Street Journal* and *Tablet*. His blog, "Martini Judaism, for those who want to be shaken and stirred," won the 2015 Religion Communicators Council Wilber Award for Faith-based blogs.

The Major Gifts event is co-chaired by Ron Perry and Julie Stein Perry. "We're excited to bring Rabbi Salkin to our community," said Stein Perry. "He offers a winning combination of thought-provoking content and charismatic presentation we know will resonate." Individuals or families who pledge at least $5,000 to support the Jewish community through a gift to the 2019 Annual Campaign are invited to participate.

This year's Main Event will take place Thursday, December 6, at Towsley Auditorium, Washtenaw Community College. Event co-chairs Roberta and Larry Tankanow and Alyse Tankanow and Joe Cohen are putting together a fantastic, interactive program featuring internationally acclaimed "megamentalist," Sidney Friedman." "Larry and I are honored and thrilled to co-host this event with our daughter, Alyse, and son in law, Joe," said Roberta. "It is meaningful to us to share with them our passion of supporting Jewish organizations in our community. Our next generation must carry the torch to the future."

Friedman is known for his "Mind Power Show" of intuitive telepathic feats and for his uncanny prognostication accuracy on TV news and talk shows. He is also an accomplished composer with a degree from the Eastman School of Music and a composer fellowship at the Boston Symphony Orchestra's Tanglewood Music Festival. Sidney combines his music and mental gifts with a demonstration of what he calls "Music Mind Reading" where he senses the exact tunes on people's minds then beautifully plays them on the piano. Friedman has appeared numerous times on the *The Today Show*, and host Hoda Kotb stated that, "a few people are better at seeing the future than others, like mentalist Sidney Friedman. We love Sidney."

In addition to providing engaging entertainment, Friedman articulates and integrates messages of *tzedakah* and *tikun olam* into his performances – a perfect combination for The Main Event. The Main Event has become an anticipated annual gathering of people from across the greater Ann Arbor Jewish community who come to be entertained and to reflect with pride on how, through the important work of our local, national and international partners, the Jewish Federation Annual Campaign fosters and sustains vibrant Jewish life in Ann Arbor, in Israel and around the world.

Sidney Friedman

For more information about either of these events, visit www.jewishannarbor.org or contact Nicole Caine at nicole@jewishannarbor.org, (734) 677-0100 x220. ■

Jewish Federation hires new Financial Resource Development team

Eileen Freed, special to the WJN

The Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor welcomes two new team members – Financial Resource Development (FRD) Director Sharyn J. Gallatin, and Development Associate Nicole Caine.

In her role as FRD director, Gallatin will take the lead in developing and implementing a comprehensive and strategic resource development plan to expand the annual overall philanthropic capacity of the Ann Arbor Jewish community including endowment and legacy giving.

Sharyn J. Gallatin

Nicole Cain

Gallatin has almost 20 years of fundraising experience for various organizations, including Federations in Detroit, New York and New Jersey, Jewish Family Service of Metropolitan Detroit and National Council of Women, Michigan. In her capacity as a volunteer, Gallatin has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for these organizations and is a skilled solicitor. She is also an alumna of Jewish Federation of North America's National Young Leadership Cabinet, a six-year leadership program for those recognized by their Federations as future leaders. Gallatin has held numerous campaign leadership positions, including Women's Campaign Chair in Northern New Jersey and Lion of Judah Chair and Community Campaign Chair in Detroit. Gallatin is a licensed attorney and has had her own law practice for the past sixteen years, specializing in estate planning, special needs advocacy and residential real estate.

"I'm looking forward to working with Sharyn," Federation Annual Campaign co-chair said Babette Levy Daskin. "She has a very clear passion for Federation and its work and the experience and skills to help us accomplish our goals."

As development associate, Caine will work closely with Gallatin and the rest of the team with particular responsibility for the coordination and support of Annual Campaign operations. Caine recently graduated with a masters of Public Administration from the Maxwell School at Syracuse University. Prior to this, she graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University at Buffalo with degrees in Global Gender Studies and Jewish Studies. While at the University at Buffalo, she was a development and marketing intern for multiple nonprofit organizations. Caine has significant experience in the Jewish community, having been heavily involved in numerous Jewish organizations including Chabad on Campus, Hillel International and BBYO.

Jewish Federation President Stephen Aronson expressed great optimism about the new team. "I believe these two new FRD professionals, along with the rest of the Federation team, will provide the philanthropic expertise and leadership which will result in a stronger and more sustainable future for our community."

For more information about the Jewish Federation and for contact details, visit www.jewishannarbor.org. ■

Teens can apply now for Ann Arbor/Nahalal Student Exchange

Claudia Halpern, special to the WJN

The Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor is accepting applications for the 2019 Ann Arbor/Nahalal Student Exchange trip to Israel taking place March 21-31, 2019. An informational meeting for students and parents will take place Tuesday, November 6, at 7 pm at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor.

Teens on a past Student Exchange trip creating meaningful bonds with their new Israeli community

Now in its 12th year, the Student Exchange offers 9th grade students the opportunity to spend their Spring break in Israel at Ann Arbor's partnership community, Moshav Nahalal. Participants are hosted in the homes of their peers. They spend the week with their hosts attending school, touring the Central Galilee, visiting Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, and creating lasting and meaningful relationships with their new friends.

Ann Arbor teens will have the opportunity to reciprocate by hosting their Israeli peers during Sukkot in fall 2019. The 2018 Israeli Delegation will be in Ann Arbor on September 21–27. Teens interested in participating in some of these activities are welcome.

The Ann Arbor/Moshav Nahalal relationship is an integral part of the Michigan/Central Galilee Partnership2Gether project. The two communities have developed a deep connection based on mutual values and shared interests, such as environmental and ecological conservation, social justice, and diverse and creative religious expression.

For more information, to participate in September's activities, or to RSVP for the informational meeting, contact Claudia Halpern at claudia@jewishannarbor.org or (734) 677-0100 ext 227. ■

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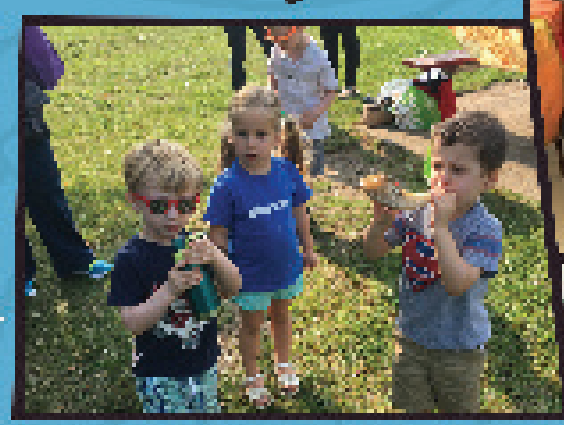

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Sep 25 Sukkah Hop

Oct 21 Ark craft project

Nov 3 [illegible] Havdalah Party with S'mores

Dec 9 Chanukah Celebration

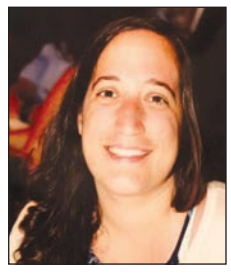
AAOM

U-M Jewish Communal Leadership Program starts busy new academic year

Paige Walker, special to the WJN

The Jewish Communal Leadership Program (JCLP) at the U-M School of Social Work welcomes the start of the new academic year and seven new faces to the Class of 2020. These students are beginning a 20-month journey that will include rigorous academics, dynamic field placements, and training in social justice, management, community organizing, interpersonal practice, and Judaic studies.

Hannah Berger



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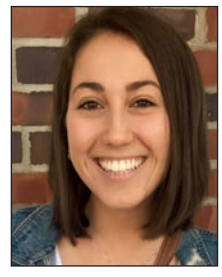


Ashley Schnaar

They will join the returning cohort for a busy year with an agenda that includes touring local Jewish agencies and organizations in Ann Arbor, Detroit, and Metro Detroit; creating and implementing programs for the local community; and pursuing field placements in local and national organizations. They are especially excited for the opportunity made possible through the generosity of the William and Audrey Farber Family Foundation and the Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA) to be traveling to Tel Aviv, Israel, to attend the 2018 JFNA General Assembly in October.

The first JCLP community event of the year, the annual Community Welcome Breakfast, preceded the beginning of classes and was held on Monday, August 27, at Michigan Hillel. Community members are also invited to join JCLP students for their annual Sukkot Open House on Wednesday, September 26, from 5:30–7:30 p.m. in the School of Social Work courtyard Sukkah (1080 South University Ave.). Another annual event will take place on later in the fall when the students invite community members to join a special session of their weekly seminar, held at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor, for a conversation of communal concern.

For the first time, JCLP and the Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor are inviting community members to connect personally with the current students as professional mentors or as hosts for Jewish holidays and Shabbat experiences. Anyone interested in connecting with JCLP students in this way can contact Paige Walker at vpwalker@umich.edu. The incoming students bring an exciting range of strengths, interests, and experiences to the university and Ann Arbor. They are eager to connect with and contribute to the local community.

Hannah Berger comes to JCLP from Cincinnati, Ohio. A 2018 graduate from Kalamazoo College, with a B.A. in religious studies and a minor in anthropology/sociology, she interned at both the American Jewish Archives and at the Center for Holocaust and Humanity Education in Cincinnati as an undergraduate student. Berger is deeply passionate about interfaith work and has experience facilitating the interfaith student leadership program at Kalamazoo College. She begins her field placement this fall at the Ecumenical Center and International Residence.

Originally from Grand Blanc, Megan Bernard graduated with her B.A. in international studies and a minor in Law, Justice, and Social Change from the University of Michigan in May, 2016. Since graduation, Bernard has worked for BBYO as an associate regional director in the greater DC area, working with Jewish teen leaders to strengthen the Jewish future. This fall, she will start her field placement with Hazon Detroit.

Lauren Fine, originally from Carrboro, North Carolina, has a B.S. in communication studies and a minor in leadership studies from Appalachian State University. After graduating in 2014, Fine became a Repair the World Fellow in Baltimore where she did fruit tree education with Baltimore Orchard Project and helped students learn at an afterschool program called Banner Neighborhoods. She has spent the last three years as the director of student leadership at North Carolina Hillel, Chapel Hill, where she worked with student leaders to plan programs, engage their peers, and bring vibrant Jewish life to campus. Fine begins her field placement with Detroit Jews for Justice this semester.

Nora Greenstein comes to JCLP by way of Los Angeles and Washington, DC. She is a 2015 graduate of the University of Michigan with a BA in psychology, and a minor in history. Following graduation, she moved to Los Angeles to work at the University of Southern California Hillel as program manager. Through this role she participated in the Ezra Fellowship, a program through Hillel International working on integrating Jewish education and content into engagement methodology. She'll be starting her social work field placement during the Winter 2019 semester.

Sam Langstein is originally from Long Beach, New York, and graduated from CUNY Hunter College in 2015 with a BA in psychology. Before coming to JCLP, Langstein worked for three years at Footsteps, an organization which supports and affirms those transitioning out of the ultra-Orthodox world. Langstein originally came to Footsteps as a member of the 2015–2016 cohort of AVODAH: The Jewish Service Corps. While serving as an AVODAH Corps member, Langstein supported career and education programming. Langstein begins his field placement at Jewish Family Service of Metro Detroit this fall.

Originally from Bloomfield Hills, Ashley Schnaar is a 2018 graduate of Michigan State University, where she received her BASW with a minor in religious studies. During her studies, she completed her field placement at a neighborhood center in Lansing, served as president of the Jewish StudeAshleynt Union, and conducted research in disparities and best practices in transgender health. She also interned at the Jewish Federation of Metro Detroit. Schnaar will begin her field placement at the Cancer Support Community this semester.

Sara Weinfeld comes to JCLP by way of Farmington Hills. She received her BA in human development and family studies with a minor in health promotion in May 2018 from Michigan State University. During her undergraduate years, Weinfeld held many leadership positions at MSU Hillel, with a focus on increasing participation and engagement of the campus community. This fall Weinfeld will start her field placement at Jewish Family Services of Washtenaw County. ■

Yiddish events planned for Fall 2018

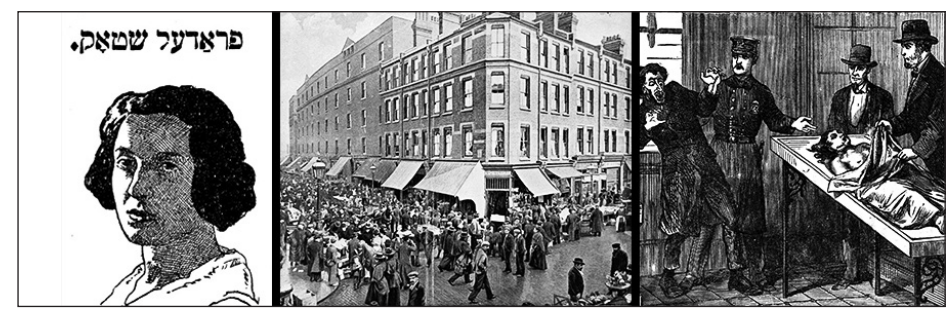
Kelsey Robinette, special to the WJN

This fall, the Frankel Center for Judaic Studies will welcome three guest lecturers for a series of events centered around Yiddish. Allison Schachter, Vivi Lachs, and Eddy Portnoy will be giving separate lectures on topics including Yiddish poetry, music, and underground culture. All of the lectures will take place in Room 2022 of the 202 S. Thayer Street building.

Allison Schachter of Vanderbilt University will give a lecture titled, "Madame Bovary in the Jewish Provinces: Fradel Shtok's Modernist Yiddish Prose" on Thursday, October 18 at 1 p.m. Schachter will discuss Fradel Shtok, a celebrated poet credited with writing the first sonnet in Yiddish. The talk will focus on Shtok's life after she published a collection of her lesser known prose writings in 1919, which were dismissed by critics at the time as too similar to Gustave Flaubert, a French novelist and leader in literary realism, and too dissimilar compared to prominent Yiddish author and playwright, Sholem Aleichem. The common knowledge at the time was that Shtok, traumatized by the negative reviews, rejected Yiddish and died in an asylum. Schachter's lecture will explain what really happened to Shtok after these reviews and offer a revised account of Yiddish modernism, one that acknowledges the centrality of woman to the modern Jewish revolution.

On Tuesday, October 30, at 4 p.m., Vivi Lachs of Birkbeck, University of London will examine Yiddish *kupletn* (rhyming couplets) written by Jewish immigrant songwriters and poets in pre- World-War-I London. During this period, Yiddish speaking immigrants were anglicizing to local British culture, and at the same time, maintaining some of the aspects of the transnational Yiddish-speaker world. The talk, "Whitechapel Noise: Politics, Sex and Religion in Yiddish Rhyme on the Streets of London's East End 1884-1914," is illustrated with song and explains how these protest hymns, music-hall songs, and satirical verses tell stories that expand and nuance our knowledge of immigrant history.

Eddy Portnoy's talk, titled, "The Bizarre Tales of Yiddishland: What the Yiddish Press Reveals about the Jews," will wrap up the series at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, November 13. Portnoy, of the YIVO Institute for Jewish Research, will discuss the seamy underbelly of pre-World War II New York and Warsaw, the two major centers of Yiddish culture in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. With true stories of Jewish drunks, thieves, murderers, wrestlers, psychics, and beauty queens, all plucked from the pages of the Yiddish dailies, Portnoy will present the Jews whose follies and foibles were fodder for urban gossip before winding up at the bottom of bird cages or as wrapping for dead fish.



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More information about all three of these events, as well as the six others the Frankel Center will be hosting in Ann Arbor this Fall, can be found online at lsa.umich.edu/judaic. ■

Baking with a whole new twist

Mae E. Sander, special to the WJN

Challah! Rugelach! Babka! Three delicious traditional baked goods that home bakers can enjoy creating. Participants in the first two meetings of this year's Jewish Women's Circle (JWC) of Ann Arbor have the opportunity for joining together and baking these treats.

Challah baking will be the first event on Wednesday, September 5, at the home of Esther Goldstein. As in several past years, this is a hands-on event, where everyone prepares the dough and forms the loaves under the expert leadership of Esther Goldstein. She says: "Whether this is your first time baking challah, or whether you bake it once a week, you are welcome to this event. Last year at Mega Challah, close to 200 women participated in an impressive community baking session. This year we are inviting a smaller number, but will still offer the fun of joining other women in a celebration of hands-on Challah preparation. We will also stress the spiritual dimension of the special women's mitzvah of making challah for Shabbat and for the holidays. Each participant will take home a ready-to-bake loaf to share with her family." A $10 donation is requested from participants.

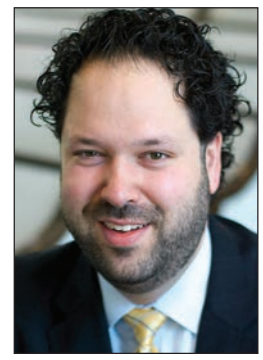
On Wednesday, October 3, Rochel Simon, an expert baker from Dayton, Ohio, will present a workshop on "the most perfect and delicious rugelach and babka." Rochel Simon, the daughter of Esther Goldstein, is a native of Ann Arbor, and grew up in this community. She's now the co-director of the Dayton Chabad's youth programming, and co-owner of All Occasion Sweets, a custom bakery in Dayton that supplies challah, birthday and wedding cakes, and other baked goods for the Jewish community there.

"These events will be open by RSVP only due to the high demand, so please make sure to sign up as soon as you receive your invitation," Esther Goldstein says. To sign up for email invitations and other notifications, send email to esther@jewmich.com or join the JWC Facebook group. Each meeting of the JWC offers local Jewish women a place to meet new friends, socialize, and learn new skills. Membership is open to all, no affiliation necessary. ■

A time to reflect on the year

Rabbi Josh Whinston, special to the WJN

By the time this issue of WJN reaches your mailbox, we will already be in the last few days of *Elul*, the Jewish month that leads up to Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Elul is a special time in the Jewish calendar, as we prepare for the coming High Holy Days. As some may know, the letters that spell the word *Elul* (*Aleph, Lamed, Vav, Lamed*) are often cited as an acronym for the verse from *Shir Hashirim* (The Song of Songs), *Ani Ldodi, V'dodi Li*, "I am my beloved's and my beloved is mine." Classically, the Song of Songs is understood as a love song between God and Israel; we are God's, and God is ours. It is an important reminder and pacifier as we approach these days when we discuss judgment and our hopes for the Book of Life. The month of Elul reminds us that we are in relationship with God, that God loves us and that we can expect God to forgive us.



Rabbi Josh Whinston

For many liberal Jews (those coming from outside the Orthodox world), Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur can be challenging days. Some of us rarely come to the synagogue to pray or spend time contemplating Jewish ideas about God, but we show up on these incredible days as something in our *kishkas* draws us near. Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur can even be hard for Jews who do pray every day or engage in Jewish learning every day, but praying and learning on a regular basis gives one time to prepare for these Days of Awe.

These few days before Rosh Hashanah arrives are an opportunity; take them. Spend some time preparing for what is about to come. Prepare to stand before God, but also prepare to stand before your neighbor, your friend, and your family.

We are still in the month of Elul, reminding us of God's love, and how that love gives us the strength to stand before God, but we can also rely on the love of the people closest to us. Use the next few days to reach out to family and friends. Rely on their love, and let it give you strength to ask forgiveness for the ways you have acted this year, for the time your temper flared, for the moments you ignored your spouse or your child or your parent. Open yourself to the love and support of God, yes, but also the love and support of your family and friends.

Taking time to reflect on the year and asking forgiveness for moments when you were not your best self before Rosh Hashanah services will change the way you experience Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. It will prepare you for the awesomeness of the day. Just like anything else, the more we put into the Days of Awe, the more we get out of them.

May it be a good year and may we be sealed in the Book of Life. ■

Jewish Family Services chosen as finalist for Vital Seniors award competition

Joanne Brownstein Jarvi, special to the WJN

Between 2010 and 2040, the number of adults age 60+ in Washtenaw County will more than double, as will the number of seniors in poverty. "Life for everyone in 2040 will be shaped by how we respond now to the needs of the aging," said Neel Hajra, CEO of the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation which with The Glacier Hills Legacy Fund (GHLF) launched Vital Seniors: A Community Innovation Competition, a $2.5 million initiative.

Jewish Family Services of Washtenaw County, specializing for 25 years in helping older adults, across the socio-economic spectrum, live safe, active, and healthy lives has been chosen as one of the ten finalist teams.

Catalyzed by the competition, Jewish Family Services is developing a high-impact innovation intended to create enduring outcomes for vulnerable seniors and their caregivers in Washtenaw County.

W.I.S.E (Washtenaw Integrated Senior Experience) is an integrated care-management system through which aging human service providers and health systems that work together to ensure that clients' needs are being met and that the right care is being delivered in the right place, at the right time, and by the right provider. It will provide a single point of entry to access information, referrals, and direct services through a centralized intake and development of a team-based, client-centered service plan tailored to the intensity of care management services needed by each participant. The vision is for W.I.S.E to truly transform the experience of aging for older adults in Washtenaw County. And their caregivers.

Throughout the summer, JFS' finalist team has been participating in Vital Seniors Award trainings, coach & mentor support, and technical assistance to develop their proposal. The public will be invited to vote for People's Choice Awards in Fall 2018, when a total of six prizes will be awarded.

JFS is dedicated to strengthening family life, fostering self-sufficiency and improving social, economic and health conditions. 25 years in the making, JFS is looking boldly forward to continue helping Washtenaw County age well, and age W.I.S.E. ■

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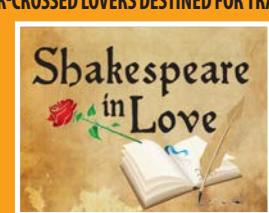

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Two aspects of the shofar

Rabbi Aharon Goldstein, special to the WJN

Rosh Hashanah begins the evening of Sunday, September 9 and goes through to the evening of Tuesday, September 11. The Talmud says the central mitzvah of the day of Rosh Hashanah is the sounding of the shofar. Concerning this mitzvah, The Rambam (Maimonides) says, the sounding of the shofar on Rosh Hashanah is a decree from Heaven. By this he means that there is no explicit reason given in the Torah for blowing the shofar. Nevertheless, there is an indication from the writings of the Prophets that thru the blowing the shofar, this awaking's those that are sleeping, even deeply sleeping, the same would apply for the sounding of the Shofar on Rosh Hashanah. The sounding of the Shofar causes that they should be awakened from their spiritual sleep. One should then examine their deeds and those that need correction should be corrected through the process of *teshuva*. The nature of the sounding of the shofar is to awaken a person — physically and spiritually. So even though the Torah doesn't give an explicit reason for blowing the shofar, from the writings of the Prophets we have some explanation.

Rabbi Aharon Goldstein

What Maimonides is telling us, is that with the sounding of the shofar there are two aspects to consider. First is the aspect that is beyond reason and understanding — that is the unelaborated decree from God to perform the task of blowing the shofar. The second, lower level, is the implication from the words of the Prophets that we should awaken from our spiritual slumber and repent for our misdeeds and resolve to improve in the future.

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Rosh Hashanah, in general, is a general day not only for the particular day, not only for the month, but for the whole entire year, and also for the original day of creation. As we say in our prayers on that day: "This is the day, the beginning of Your doings." This is the day that the world is renewed from a new creation and as if the world is created from new. This renewing of the world is not just on this physical world, but in all the worlds — the upper and the lower — all are renewed when it comes to Rosh Hashanah. Therefore, when we are looking at Rosh Hashanah, all the themes that are connected to the day are related to God's creation.

The earlier reference to the two aspects of the blowing of the shofar correspond to two particular aspects of the purpose of Creation. On the one hand, being a decree from God, it is beyond our understanding. On the other hand, the lower level aspect can be understood through the words of the Prophets who urged us to do *teshuva*. Similarly, when we speak of the purpose of Creation we also have these two aspects; something that is beyond our understanding and something that is within our ability to understand.

The rabbis tell us the purpose of God's creation is that God wanted to make this world a dwelling place for Himself. Why did God have the desire to dwell here? For this question we have no answer. As the Alter Rebbe, the founder of the Chabad movement says, because it is not based on logic, we can't question someone's desire. In modern times we say, "There's no accounting for taste" to illustrate the point that desire is desire and we can't logically understand it. Similarly, when speaking about God's creation — we have His desire to create this world as a dwelling place for Himself — but it is not within our limited ability to understand why. We have to accept it as a desire of God that is beyond our understanding.

Nevertheless, even though we can't understand why God created the world, we do know what God wants us to do in the world. Godliness is concealed within the physicality of this world and it is our job to reveal this hidden Godliness. This is something that we are able to understand. God put us here for the purpose of making the world into a place where His presence is revealed.

Therefore, just as we find in the comments regarding the blowing of the shofar that there are two aspects; that which is beyond understanding and that which can be understood, we find the same relationship in our existential question; we don't understand why God created the world but, on the other hand, we can understand that He wanted us to create a place in which it would be suitable for Him to dwell.

The aspect of the blowing of the shofar on Rosh Hashanah that is beyond understanding and logic is not because there is a reason behind it and God didn't want to reveal it to us. It is simply because it is God's desire that we should do so. Just like God wanted to create the world — He did it out of desire not human logic.

It is similar to *teshuva* (repentance), the other aspect of the blowing of the shofar on Rosh Hashanah. In the order of repentance there are two parts. First, is to stop doing that which is wrong. Second, is to resolve to begin doing what is right. The shofar also has these two aspects. First, it awakens people from their spiritual slumber. Upon awakening we get reoriented to where we are and what we are doing (or not doing) that is wrong. This is going away from the negative and not doing what is wrong. Secondly, the sound of the shofar inspires us to resolve to begin doing what is right (*teshuva*).

This is how the two aspects of the shofar correspond to the two aspects of God's creation. Therefore, when one blows the shofar it helps God to renew His commitment to be a king on this world and in order to bring the world to its purpose of creation. ■

High Holidays with Pardes Hannah

Lucinda Kurtz, special to the WJN

Pardes Hannah, the Jewish Renewal Community of Ann Arbor, invites all spiritual seekers and community members to join them for the High Holidays and to participate in services led by Rabbi Elliot Ginsburg. Each year the Pardes Hannah community selects a theme to guide us through the Days of Awe. Community members reflect on this theme, and at various points during the services, share some way its key concepts have resonated in our lives. It is one of the ways that their, as a community, support each other as members look at the year past, while opening up new personal and communal "heart-space" for the year that is emerging.

This year has been a particularly challenging year, and community members felt strongly that should explore – *Selicha, Mechila, v' Khappara* – Receiving and Offering Forgiveness in addition to the traditional themes of turning and renewal.

While daily life affords countless chances for reflecting on the topic of forgiveness the month of Ellul and the Days of Awe form a 40-day period of intensified reflection on this subject. Even for those who don't have a daily practice, Rosh Ha Shanah and Yom Kippur are protected, communally sanctioned "retreats," that invite us to explore places and times we have missed the mark. Community members are invited to join in this deep exploration and sharing during these Days of Radical Connection, the Days of Love and Awe.

To prepare for the High Holidays, Selichot will be on Saturday, September 1, from 9–11 p.m. at home of Rabbi Eliot Ginsburg and Linda Jo Doctor at 2924 Baylis Avenue.

Rabbi Ginsburg will lead services on the First Day of Rosh Hashanah, Monday, September 10, from 9:15 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at St. Aidans Church on 1679 Broadway. This will be a traditional Jewish Renewal service with prayer, blowing of the Shofar, and Kiddush. Second day Rosh Hashanah service is a Meditation Service, Tuesday, September 11, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. Aidans followed by a Kiddush, potluck lunch and tashlich at the home of Lucinda Kurtz and Oran Hesterman.

On Sunday, September 16, Linda Greene will offer a Chanting Session from 10:45 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Contact her at lingreene@gmail.com. From 2–5 p.m., Lucinda Kurtz will teach the first of three classes on "The Practice of Forgiveness." Contact her directly for more information at Lucinda@lucindakurtz.com.

On Tuesday, September 18, Kol Nidrei preparations will commence at 6:45 p.m.and services and candle lighting will begin at 7:20 p.m. at St. Aidans Church. On Wednesday, September 19, Yom Kippur Day services will begin at 9 a.m. with Walking Meditation at 2:30 p.m., Meditation at 3:45 p.m., Yizkor at 5:30 p.m., Neilia at 6:45 p.m. and Shofar blowing and Havdalah at 8:18 p.m. Break-fast will follow.

For more information about Pardes Hannah, the High Holiday schedule and other Fall services and holiday plans, call Rene Robbins at (734) 761-5324 and check the Pardes Hannah website at http://pardeshannah.wordpress.com. ■

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Beth Israel Congregation activities

Elliot Sorkin, special to the WJN

Selichot Havdallah, reception, service and memorial plaque dedication

Saturday, September 1, 9 p.m.

Each year Selichot serves as the opening of the High Holy Day season with its prayers and readings focusing on repentance and promises of renewal in the New Year. Services begin with a Havdallah and light refreshment at 9 p.m. In the Sanctuary at 10 p.m. there will be a brief service of dedication of the Memorial plaques which have been installed in the past year followed by the Selichot Service.

Tot Shabbat

Saturday, September 8 and 22, 11:15 a.m.

Tot Shabbat is our special Shabbat morning program for preschoolers and their parents with songs, stories, and prayers, plus the Shabbat "Mystery Box." Tot Shabbat meets on the second and fourth Saturday of each month.

Erev Rosh Hashanah Family Celebration

Sunday, September 9, 4 p.m.

The Erev Rosh Hashanah Family Celebration (not a service) will be led by Rabbi Caine, Sarah Klein, and Davey Rosen. The program is geared towards preschool children through 4th grade and their parents, but all ages are welcome. The program will be from 4–5:30 p.m. in the Beth Israel Courtyard. Families will be participating in a story walk, tashlich, and enjoying desserts.

Sukkot Services

Morning Sukkot services: Monday, September 24 and Tuesday, September 25, 9:30 a.m.

As part of the congregation's celebration of Sukkot, there will be a kiddush luncheon in the Sukkah on the first day of Sukkot, and a kiddush in the sukkah on the second day. The lulav and etrog are used in the ancient ceremony of the lulav and etrog processions, as well as during the Hallel Service on both those days. For other services on these holidays, refer to the calendar at www.bethisrael-aa.org. Anyone may order a lulav and etrog through Beth Israel.

Pizza in the Hut

Wednesday, September 26, 6 p.m.

Meet in the Beth Israel Sukkah at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, September 26, for Pizza in the Hut. Always relaxing, always friendly – enjoy the beautiful fall weather in the sukkah. Dinner is $8 per adult, with children ages 3 and under free. RSVP by September 21 to office@bethisrael-aa.org or online on the Beth Israel website.

Steak and Salmon in the Sukkah

Sunday, September 30, 6 p.m.

Beth Israel is offering you the opportunity to enjoy a more elaborate dinner than usual to celebrate Sukkot. The menu is ribeye steak, maple glazed salmon, roasted seasonal root vegetables, mashed potatoes, dessert and fruit. The vegetarian option is mushroom and vegetable strudel. $25 per person. Payments are due by Wednesday, September 26. Only paid reservations may be accepted and because of the holiday and Shabbat, no reservation can be accepted after that date. The dinner will take place rain or shine; in case of rain the dinner will be held in the Social Hall. Register and pay online on the Beth Israel website or to office@bethisrael-aa.org.

Beth Israel events open to non-members

Almost all Beth Israel events are open to the general community, and many are offered at no cost. Call (734) 665-9897 for additional information about upcoming events. All events will be posted on Beth Israel's website –www.bethisrael-aa.org.Complimentary Tickets for High Holidays for Newcomers, Graduate Students and Full Time Medical Residents, and Special Dues for Those 35 and under

Individuals and families who have moved to Washtenaw County since last Yom Kippur, may request High Holiday tickets at no charge as Beth Israel's way of welcoming them into the local Jewish community. Graduate students and full time medical residents with I.D.s may also request free individual tickets. Request forms for Rosh Hashanah must be submitted by noon on Friday, September 7, and by noon on Monday, September 17 for Yom Kippur, and no tickets can be provided immediately prior to any service.

People who are 35 years old or younger may become members at a special rate of $300 for the whole family for their first year of membership (plus USCJ dues assessment of $37.25).

Tickets for the High Holidays are provided free of charge to all members of Beth Israel in good standing. Non-members may purchase tickets for the High Holiday Services, although no tickets are required for the Erev Rosh Hashanah Family Celebration. Those interested in further information are asked to call the synagogue office at (734) 665-9897.

All High Holiday ticket and membership forms are found on the Beth Israel website, www.bethisrael-aa.org. ■

TBE September events

Nellie Stansbury, special to the WJN

Families with Young Children (FYC): Tot Shabbat Service

Fridays, September 7, 14 and 21, 5:45 p.m., TBE Sanctuary
5:45 p.m., Tot (0–5 year olds) Shabbat Services with Rabbi Whinston and Cantor Hayut
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Join in for macaroni and cheese, fish sticks, applesauce, and a salad bar immediately following the short service. Dinner is just $5 per person. Buy a punch card ahead of time for a discounted price. Punch cards are available in the TBE office.

Women of TBE Board Installation

Friday, September 7, TBE Sanctuary, 7 p.m.

Join the Women of TBE as they introduce their 2018–2019 Board members in a special Shabbat service.

Shabbat Achat/1st Grade Consecration

Friday, September 28, TBE Sanctuary, 6:30 p.m.
Dinner for Shabbat Achat, 6 p.m.

The entire community is invited to Shabbat Archat service. One Shabbat is led by Rabbi Whinston and Cantor Hayut. Shabbat Achat is held on the fourth Friday of each month. Join in for macaroni and cheese, fish sticks, applesauce, and a salad bar immediately preceding the service. Dinner is just $5 per person. Buy a punch card ahead of time for a discounted price. Punch cards are available in the TBE office. Note the 6:30 p.m. start time for services on Shabbat Achat.

Weekly Lunch & Learn

Fridays, September 7, 14, 21 and 28, TBE Adult Lounge, Noon

Rabbi Whinston meets on Fridays for an informal discussion about religion. Sessions are open to the entire community. Feel free to bring your lunch.

Brotherhood Guys' Night Out

Thursday, September 20, 6:30 p.m., Offsite

Join TBE's Brotherhood for their monthly night out. Contact Brotherhood President, Bill Parkus, parkus@comcast.net, for more information or to join.

Torah Study

Saturdays, September 8, 15, 22 and 29, 8:50 a.m.

Join in for this weekly discussion of the Torah portion led by Rabbi Whinston.

Women's Torah Study

Mondays, September 24, 7 p.m.

An in-depth study and lively discussion of the week's Torah portion led by Cantor Regina Hayut. The group will explore various passages from the portion looking at several translations and commentaries from a variety of scholars from Talmudic times to the modern day. No Hebrew knowledge necessary to participate in the discussion. For questions, contact Cantor Regina Hayut at cantorhayut@templebethemeth.org.

Men's Talmud Study

Thursday, September 27, 7:30 p.m., Room 16

Join TBE's Brotherhood and Rabbi Whinston as they study the Talmud as men. Contact Brotherhood President Bill Parkus, parkus@comcast.net, to get involved.

Shalom Gever/Jewish Karate

Fridays, September 7, 14, 21 and 28, 4 p.m.

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WTBE Fiber Arts Group

Mondays, September 3, 7–9 p.m., Offsite

Anyone interested in Fiber Arts: (knitting, crocheting, and crafts) are welcome. Meet new people and have fun with the Women of TBE. This group will be contributing to the Israeli Peace quilt. (All materials for the project provided by WTBE.) Contact Bobbi Heilveil for details at (734) 276-5741 or bobbiheilveil@gmail.com.

Spirituality Book Club 2018-2019

Tuesday, September 25, 7 p.m. and Thursday, September 27, noon

Led by Annie Rose, TBE's cantor emerita.

Everyone is welcome to come to the Tuesday night sessions or the Thursday afternoon sessions. Registration is not required, but it is helpful to their planning to know how many people will come: cantorannie@gmail.com. ■

This month at the Jewish Cultural Society

Barb Banet, special to the WJN

Rosh Hashanah

Sunday, September 9, 7 p.m. at the JCC

As the first day of the Jewish year, Rosh Hashanah marks a turning point in the year — a separation between what was and what will be. It offers a time for Secular Humanistic Jews to pause in their daily lives and reflect on their behavior and renew their commitment to their best selves and highest values. Rosh Hashanah at Jewish Culture Society provides a time for renewal, reflection, and new beginnings. The blast of the shofar brings the community together to begin this time of reflection through music, readings, and a creative observance.

Tashlich

Monday, September 10, 4– p.m. at Island Park

On Tashlich, the JCS community gathers at the Huron River for coffee and pastries and a chance to "cast off" or let go of their shortcomings of the past year. As participants promise to strive to become better people, they toss flower petals into the river, a "concrete expression" of hope for the future.

JCS Sunday School Fall Kickoff

Sunday, September 16, 2–4 p.m. at County Farm Park

All are invited for refreshments and fun activities while learning about the JCS's Sunday School at County Farm Park, 2230 Platt Road.

Kol Nidre

Tuesday, September 18, 7 p.m. at the JCC

Kol Nidre provides further opportunities for individual reflection and an opportunity to listen to the haunting melody of Kol Nidre.

Yom Kippur

Wednesday, September 19, 2 p.m. at the JCC

Yom Kippur brings the 10 days of the Jewish New Year to a close. On Yom Kippur day, participants consider how their actions affect the greater community. While examining the world, and considering the Jewish tradition of tikkun olam, participants consider how they can make a difference. This service is more intimate and members of the community take turns reading.

Break-the-Fast Potluck

Sunday, September 19, 6 p.m. at the JCC

To close the high holidays, JCS members and friends gather for a community potluck at the end of Yom Kippur. All are invited bring a vegetarian and nut-free dish to share, whether or not they have been fasting.

Sukkot Celebration

Sunday, September 23, 10:30 a.m. at the JCC

All are welcome to participate in the JCS Sukkot festivities: crafts, decorating the sukkah, stories, snacks and drinks. Participants are invited to bring a vegetarian, nut-free dish to share. ■

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BIRS looks at "big issues" in Judaism

By Mira Sussman

The opportunity to step in as Interim Religious school director is not one that I take lightly. As a parent, an engaged Jew, and active and (I like to think) moral member of civil society, like most of you I have been wrestling with "The Big Issues" for years.

How do we teach our children pride in their heritage and a strong sense of their Jewish identity, without getting caught in identity politics? What is our place in Am Yisrael, the People of Israel, when we don't know, or don't agree with, other Jews? If we can't agree on issues like Israel's politics, the role of *tikkun olam* (fixing the world), and if kids no longer identify with the Holocaust, what are the goals of Jewish education moving forward? Most importantly, how can we make the religious school experience fun, welcoming, meaningful, and a place that they want to come and be with friends?

Mira Sussman

Luckily, we come from a long line of people who have struggled with these difficult issues before. The very name "Israel" means "struggle with God," and has been interpreted as both "struggle with God on our side" and "struggle against God." I adore this duality that exists at our very core identity. The Talmud, the central books that interpret the meaning of Torah, are really just a record of guys (yes, almost all men) sitting around and arguing, and these arguments were deemed so important that they were written down and studied for centuries.

Davey Rosen, experimental educator, and I are eager and excited to step into this centuries-long discussion; we are all involved in re-interpreting and re-imaging Judaism in a world that the writers of the Torah and Talmud could never have imagined. We don't pretend to have all the answers, but we love the process of asking questions and discussing them. We are thrilled to continue this chain and help to guide the next generation's "struggle with God," with their Jewish identity and place in the world, and will work to ensure that the chain remains.

As of this writing we are finalizing curricula, special events, and the overall school calendar. We are excited about plans for this school year, so please stay tuned for more information! ■

The woman behind the camera

Jennifer Rosenberg, special to the WJN

***"Don't shoot what it looks like. Shoot what it feels like."*— David Alan Harvey, photographer**

Sprinting, skipping, laughing, cartwheeling children scatter as the doors fly open. Arms wide, smiles wider, they RUN! To the trees, to the field, to the swings, the hill, and the playground equipment. From her left she hears fourth graders calling in unison, "Ali, Ali, take OUR picture," as they wrap arms and pause for a pose. To her right, she sees the games starting – football with a kindergarten quarterback and an enthusiastic game of Ga-Ga. There is an activity in every corner of the yard and she wants to capture them all. She quickly grabs her camera and snaps a photo of a second grader hanging from the monkey bars who has been working for days to master that skill. She pivots to the field in time to capture a football player reaching out his hand to help up a teammate who fell when going out for a pass. And then she hears the GIGGLES! Two kindergarteners are on the playground, spinning with unbridled freedom and fervor, heads back, hair flying. And suddenly, from behind the camera, she is IN the moment with them. The playground and the world become a blur in the background. Click! Click! Click! And she knows immediately - that picture will tell their story.

Ali Reingold is the director of admissions and marketing at Hebrew Day School of Ann Arbor and among the many roles she fills is that of resident photographer. She is a storyteller and photos are her medium. For HDS, she is the woman behind the camera. Her photos chronicle every school year and show up on Facebook and Instagram, in weekly newsletters, and in the annual HDS yearbook. She tells a story of confidence as students get up in front of a large group and present their research to their peers.

Ali Reingold

She tells a story of sadness and joy when a class releases a butterfly that they've worked so hard to care for. She captures the lump-in-one's-throat pride that parents, teachers, and staff feel as they watch their fifth graders flip their hats in the air at graduation. Her storytelling institutionalizes Hebrew Day School memory.

With the new school year just underway, Ali is behind the camera and back at it again. There is a great quote by travel and documentary photographer, Dragan Tapshanov. "Photography is about capturing souls, not smiles." There are so many moments — in classrooms and on the playground, during celebrations, performances and presentations — where the souls of the students shine through. Reflecting on this part of her job, she says, "When I take pictures, my goal is to capture not just the images but also the emotions because when you put them all together, they are our school's story. They are our school's soul."

For more information about Hebrew Day School or to schedule a personal tour, email admissions@hdsaa.org or call (734) 971-4633 ■

NAEYC re-accredits the Early Childhood Center

Peretz Hirshbein, special to the WJN

After going through a rigorous and demanding year-long process, the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor's Early Childhood Center (ECC) has successfully earned re-accreditation by the National Association for the Education of Young Children for another five years. NAEYC is the nation's leading child advocacy organization, working with legislators and policy makers to improve the lives of young children. The re-accreditation process requires the ECC to go through an extensive self-study process, documenting compliance with over 600 separate early childhood criteria. To earn accreditation, the ECC had to show compliance with 80% of the criteria within ten major standard areas. After the exhaustive process, the results arrived in early August showing that not only had the ECC passed, it was commended by NAEYC for scores of 100% or more in nine of the ten major standard areas.

ECC Assistant Director Susan Horowitz, spearheaded the process of collecting and organizing the tremendous amount of material that the ECC's faculty created to document their teaching practices. Horowitz noted that, "The staff put a tremendous amount of time and effort into documenting and showcasing the things they do every day. The end result of this process allowed us to demonstrate just how dedicated our teachers are to creating an ideal environment and experience for our children." After months of information gathering and submitting all the required forms and documentation, the ECC was given a three-week window in which NAEYC would make its no-notice assessment visit. In mid-June an assessor from NAEYC spent two days at the ECC, observing in the classrooms and poring over binders full of documentation of the ECC's practices.

ECC teachers participate in International Mud Day celebration

Since 1985, NAEYC has offered a national, voluntary accreditation system to set professional standards for early childhood education programs, and help families identify high-quality programs. Today, NAEYC Accreditation represents the highest mark of quality in early childhood education. Over 6,500 child care programs, preschools, early learning centers, and other center- or school-based early childhood education programs are currently NAEYC-Accredited. These programs provide high quality care and education to nearly one million young children. To learn more about NAEYC, visit www.naeyc.org. To learn more about the ECC, visit www.jccannarbor.org, email ecc@jccfed.org, or call (734) 971-0990. ■

Ann Arbor athletes have a blast at JCC Maccabi Games

Deborah Ryan, special to the WJN

California was a long trek for a group of Ann Arbor teens, but it was well worth it for this small group of Ann Arbor athletes to attend their first JCC Maccabi Games, August 5–10, 2018. Still the largest gathering of Jewish teens in the world, the JCC Maccabi Games were hosted this year by the Merage Jewish Community Center,

and the companion JCC Maccabi Arts Fest was hosted by the Alpert Jewish Community Center, both in Orange County, California. This year's Ann Arbor delegation had the time of their lives, competing in soccer, swimming, and basketball. Photos of the Ann Arbor delegation at this year's games can be seen on Instagram at jcc_annarbor.

The Ann Arbor delegation participated in a packed schedule, beginning with the

Olympic-like opening ceremonies held in a stadium filled with thousands of spectators. Athletic competitions were held at venues throughout the Orange County area, and days of competition were followed by evenings of entertainment and activities. In-between competitions participants have the opportunity to meet other Jewish athletes from around the country and the world, often leading to life-long friendships, as well as strengthening their Jewish identities.

Athletes also reserve time to participate in JCC Cares, a companion event to the JCC Maccabi Games and Arts Fest which allows athletes and artists to spearhead community

service projects, helping local people in need and exemplifying the Jewish value of Tikkun Olam, or repairing the world.

As the games wrapped up, the Ann Arbor JCC was already beginning to plan and recruit for the 2019 games, which will be hosted by the Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit. The Ann Arbor JCC Maccabi delegation is excited to participate with our neighbors in metro Detroit. The venues of the 2019 Detroit JCC Maccabi Games and Arts Fest are still in the planning stages, and the planning team hopes to involve the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor and Ann Arbor venues for some aspects of the six day event.

Participation in the Maccabi Games and Arts Fest is open to teens ages 12–17 (who meet the birthdate guidelines). The event is always held during the first week of August. For more information about joining the Ann Arbor Maccabi delegation as a participant, or to volunteer to support the Ann Arbor JCC delegation, contact Deborah Ryan, membership manager and delegation head, at deborahryan@jccannarbor.org or call (734) 971-0990. ■

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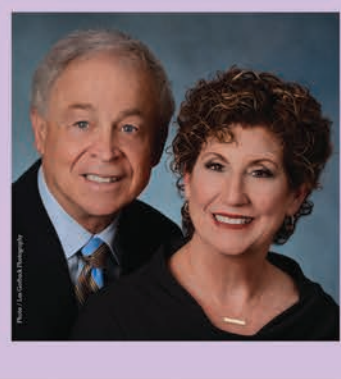

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Nine Israeli firms protecting us and our kids on social media

The Startup Nation has jumped to the fore as one of the leaders in deterring hackers, securing data and detecting bullies on your social media

By Brian Blum, ISRAEL21c

In the wake of the Cambridge Analytica scandal, which saw raw data from some 87 million Facebook users harvested without their knowledge, netizens have been increasingly concerned about protecting their privacy on social media.

The European Union's GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) that recently went into effect (as anyone with an email inbox could not have failed to notice), is part of the push to counter future privacy breeches.

Beyond policy, there is a growing bevy of startups aimed at keeping our social data safe. Given Israel's prowess in cybersecurity, the Startup Nation has not surprisingly jumped to the fore as one of the leaders in preventing hackers from accessing our accounts and keeping social-media bullies at bay.

A 2017 Haaretz study identified 57 cyber privacy startups based in Israel dedicated to protecting users' private information online, including via social media. ISRAEL21c takes a look at nine of them.

PHOTO: COURTESY THE CYABRA MANAGEMENT TEAM

From left, D-ID executives Eliran Kuta (CTO), Gil Perry (CEO) and Sella Blondheim (COO).

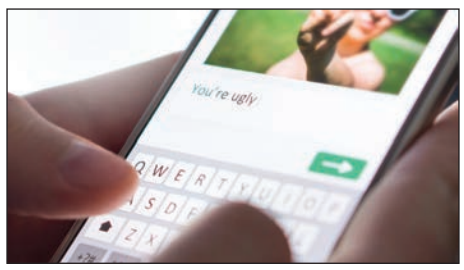
1. MyPermissionsjnnn

The first step in staying safe on social media is knowing which third-party apps have access to your data. Tel Aviv-based MyPermissions has analyzed more than 3 million apps, creating a massive database of who talks to whom in the app world.

Want to know if that photo app has access to your location or if your contacts are being shared with your ride-sharing app? Download and run MyPermissions and you'll get an instant snapshot of your social-media privacy status.

MyPermissions' Privacy Cleaner app then runs in the background to prompt you against sharing sensitive information without your knowledge and to help revoke any permissions you may have unwittingly given with a single click. MyPermissions is now working on a new app, MyPrivacy, which will provide a suite of consumer privacy solutions designed for non-technical people.

Facebook's Mark Zuckerberg may insist that users always have a right to disable cookies and safeguard their data, but how many users know how to do that – let alone actually take action? "The key point is being proactive instead of reactive," says Yoav Degani, CEO of the six-year-old company. "You don't need to wait for Facebook to make changes."



2. Cyabra

It's one thing to know which apps have access to your data. What about your friends on social media – how do you know if they're even real? If they're not, the pictures and status updates you share with them may be used in unscrupulous ways.

Yossef Daar, co-founder of Cyabra, claims there are 140 million fake accounts on Facebook and 38 million on LinkedIn, and 48 million bots on Twitter. Cyabra helps ferret out the real from the fraudulent. Its clients are mostly corporate – security (including politicians), communications, PR and marketing.

Cyabra uses artificial intelligence and machine learning to detect fake news and fake users. Hundreds of parameters are analyzed by Cyabra's algorithms, with each piece of information individually rated and compiled into a comprehensive report.

Cyabra, which has raised $1 million in seed funding (led by TAU Ventures), was chosen to participate in The Bridge commercialization program cosponsored by Coca-Cola, Turner and Mercedes-Benz. A former Mossad deputy director, Ram Ben-Barak, is on the company's board of directors.

3. BigID

With GDPR now the law across Europe and with similar rules on their way in Canada, Australia, China and Japan, ensuring that a user's data remains private is more important than ever.

BigID, which has headquarters in New York and R&D in Tel Aviv, enables its corporate clients to inventory and identify the most sensitive bits of information from among vast stores of data – including social media.

Thanks to GDPR, the two-year-old company is seeing a lot of new business. "The market is changing [and] demanding more technology-based controls over how data is being used," BigID CEO Dimitri Sirota told TechCrunch.

The company closed a $30 million Series B round in June. That was just a few months after closing an initial $16 million. BigID says it can find personal data in any language with 97 percent accuracy.

4. D-ID

You can withdraw money, cross a border or unlock your mobile phone using your face as an identifier. The latest version of Facebook even lets you login with your picture. But "unlike passwords, you cannot change your face," points out Gil Perry, CEO of Israeli cybersecurity startup D-ID.

And that opens the door to hackers getting access to your data by stealing your picture.

D-ID has built a "firewall" to block facial recognition. D-ID's software subtly alters stored pictures, just enough to escape detection by facial-recognition algorithms. Look at two pictures side-by-side and you'll notice the difference, although on its own, the manipulated picture appears normal.

Perry and his cofounders became sensitive to the place of pictures on social media when, during a post-army trek to South America, they weren't allowed to post pictures of themselves due to the sensitivity of their previous military positions. They came up with D-ID as a way to get around those rules and still share photos. That turned out to be big business: the company has since raised $4 million.

5. LogDog

Let's say you're on the road and log in to Facebook from London. But somebody's hijacked your phone and there's a log in for Gmail half an hour later – from Berlin. That kind of privacy hack would generally go unnoticed by Facebook and Google, which are only watching their own services. But the LogDog knows.

By monitoring all your devices' logins, LogDog might be the smartest puppy on the app block. It can also remind you if you forgot to log out somewhere – perhaps on a public computer in Kathmandu – and now someone else is looking at your Annapurna trek photos (or worse).

LogDog doesn't take any direct action to keep you safe – it won't change passwords for you – but it will send an alert when it notices suspicious activity. Though the app logs into your accounts for you, LogDog insists that no data is ever kept on its servers.

The company was founded in 2013 by Uri Brison, formerly head of user experience at Modu (the company founded by Dov Moran, inventor of the USB thumb drive). TechinAsia called LogDog one of its top 15 Israeli companies to watch.

6. Sentry

As previously reported by ISRAEL21c, this Israeli-made mobile app alerted the parents of a 13-year-old boy in Phoenix, Arizona that their son was in a sexual relationship with his 27-year-old teacher. The Ra'anana-based Sentry Parental Control flagged suspicious content on the teenager's phone, including sexually explicit text messages and nude photos, leading to the arrest of the teacher earlier this year.

Sentry monitors text messages on all the main social networks – Facebook, WhatsApp, Kik, Instagram and Snap – as well as SMS. It can see every photo on the device, track which apps are opened, monitor call history and update parents on where the phone is being used based on its geolocation.

CEO Michael Druker says nearly 35 percent of children have been threatened online yet many don't report being cyberbullied to their parents. Some 5,000 children have registered to use the Sentry app.

7. Bosco

Bosco (the name comes from St. Bosco, the patron saint of children), screens calls on your child's phone to detect "mood changes."

Bosco starts by building a unique voice profile for the child. It can then detect changes in tone without observing the words themselves.

Bosco sends parents an alert if their child's mood has suddenly changed for the worse – a frequent sign of cyberbullying.

It also sounds the alarm if a child has been unfriended or unfollowed by more than three friends over the previous three hours. The app accounts for differences in age, gender and culture.

8. Keepers

Jerusalem-based Keepers Child Safety does look at the social media texts on your child's phone, but its neuro-linguistic programming algorithm, based on IBM Watson technology, is scanning for worrisome words and only reports potential dangers, not any specific content.

The app can also track a child's location and alert concerned parents when the child's phone battery drops below 10 percent. The app informs parents within 20 minutes if it detects a suspicious message, Keepers' CEO Hanan Lipskin tells ISRAEL21c.

9.Cyberfish

As long as there's email, there will be hackers trying to "phish" your personal details. Phishing refers to a fraudulent attempt to obtain sensitive information – usernames, passwords, credit card details – by posing as someone else's website in an email.

Tel Aviv-based Cyberfish has built a proactive detection tool that plugs into Gmail and can detect if a link you've received leads to a scam that could compromise your data. Fake websites are caught (and blocked) in real time; Cyberfish doesn't rely on human intervention or (quickly outdated) blacklists. The "fish" works with cloud-based email and doesn't mind if you're using it on your desktop or mobile device.

With a false positive rate of less than 0.001 percent, $5 per user per month doesn't seem like that much. Think you don't need it? Cyberfish cites some sobering statistics: 86% of organizations report being the victim of phishing; there are 1.5 million fake phishing websites created every month; and 91% of all cyberattacks start with phishing. ■

BBYO welcomes all Ann Arbor teens

Yakirah Mitchel, special to the WJN

BBYO is a Jewish Youth organization known worldwide, and is beginning its second year in the Ann Arbor area. The Ann Arbor chapter is growing at a fast rate, and welcomes all teens from the Ann Arbor Jewish Community.

The chapter is holding three events this month:

• September 2 is the regional kickoff at the West Bloomfield Jewish Community Center from 5–7 p.m. Any teen in grades 9–12 can attend with the Ann Arbor chapter as they enjoy the night with teens from the metro Detroit area chapters in a "color craze." Check out bit.ly/BBYOFallKickoff for more information, and contact swolf@bbyo.org with any questions. For information on carpooling from Ann Arbor to West Bloomfield, feel free to email the chapter's advisors Genna at gmiller93@gmail.com or Nicole at nicolecaine95@gmail.com.

• Hatmadah BBYO's Chapter kickoff will be held September 8, at Burns Park from 5–8 p.m., for a new years style party to welcome Rosh Hashanah with apples and honey, new years resolutions, and more. To sign up, check out bit.ly/hatmadahkickoff or email Genna or Nicole.

• A parent info night will be held on September 1. This will be an opportunity for parents to find out about the year ahead and learn more about conventions, programs, and membership. For location and time, email to Genna or Nicole.

For more information about joining BBYO's Ann Arbor chapter, contact Sydney Wolf at swolf@bbyo.org. ■

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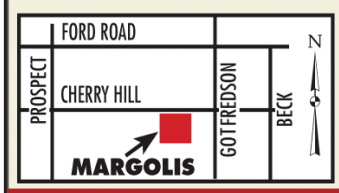

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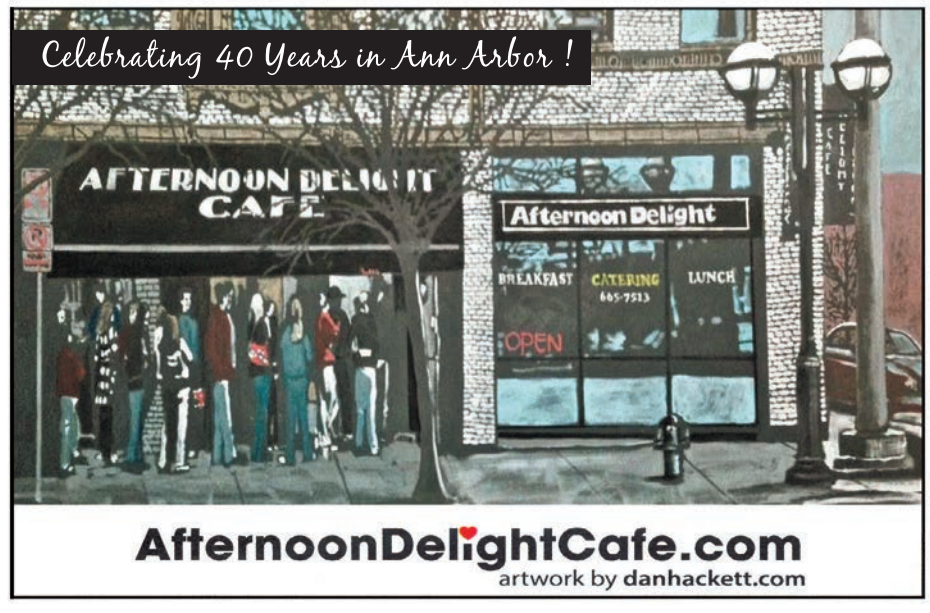

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Facebook's Nazi problem

by Hank Greenspan

On August 3, the Association of Holocaust Organizations—a group of over 300 institutions and individuals world-wide committed to Holocaust and genocide education and human rights activism—posted a petition through the change.org platform. It read as follows:

We call on Mark Zuckerberg and Facebook to cease hosting Holocaust Denial pages on their site. When these pages spread lies and untruths, it is veiled hatred and anti-Semitism designed to cast doubt on facts.

The Holocaust happened. This cannot be disputed. Period.

There is a difference between providing a platform for free expression and knowingly spreading false information and lies. Denying the Holocaust causes harm.

These sites foster hatred, division and racism. We call on Facebook to take action and help stop this dissemination of hate.

One week later, more than 100,000 people from around the globe had signed the petition. Nevertheless, there is virtually no chance that Facebook will remove its Holocaust denial sites. Learning why not is an education about the ways Holocaust denial and other hate sites have exploited social media, and why platforms like Facebook are inclined not to do anything about it.

It is not a new story. As reported in an excellent *New York Times* piece just this week ("With Alex Jones, Facebook's Worst Demons Abroad Begin to Come Home," Aug 8, 2018), Facebook has been used to facilitate mass murder by a number of genocidal movements and regimes. In Myanmar, the genocide of the Rohingya minority was spearheaded by hoaxes, rumors, and hate speech that had incited violence over the course of four years. Despite pleas from human rights activists, Facebook did nothing. In Sri Lanka, an extremist hate group used Facebook to incite riots against a Muslim majority resulting in killing and widespread displacement. Once again, despite pleas from human rights activists, Facebook did nothing. In India, the story was the same. In Indonesia, the story was the same. *The New York Times* quotes Chamath Pilihopitya, a senior executive who left Facebook in 2011. "I think in the back deep-deep recess of our minds, we kind of knew something bad could happen. We have created tools that are ripping apart the social fabric." In retrospect, "kind of knew" reads like a bizarre understatement, but it was almost certainly sincere seven years ago.

In every such instance, Facebook was essentially unresponsive. Its executives refused to meet with, or communicate with, human rights activists. Only when the corpses could be brought—almost literally—to corporate headquarters was there the beginning of attempts by Facebook to limit use of its platform for direct incitement to murder.

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This is the context in which to understand Facebook's recent decision to banish Alex Jones and his "InfoWars" from its platform. As elsewhere in the world, it took years. As elsewhere, it took other sites acting first—in the Jones case, Apple—before Facebook was willing to pull the plug on Jones. And here, too, it took more than incendiary lies and violence, as in the "Pizzagate" episode. The attack on Sandy Hook families—directly inciting death threats and harassment—made a difference. Again, however, only after other companies had acted first.

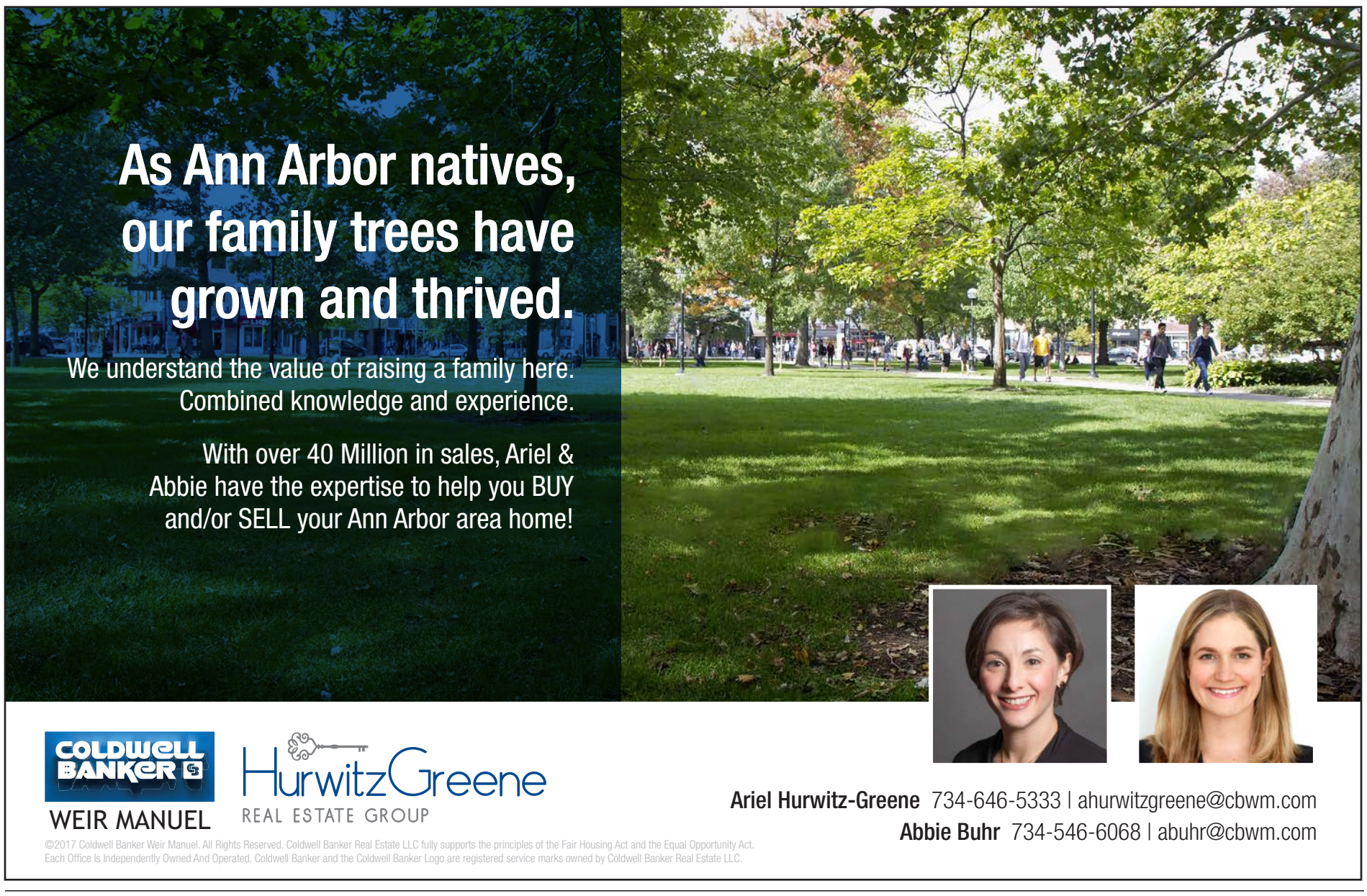
Holocaust denial is a direct continuation of the Holocaust itself. "You will take a shower; here is a soap and towel"; "You will go to the East to work and treated well"; "Don't be concerned; you will see your children later." Of course, in actuality, what happened later was torture, gassing, and mass shooting. And what was seen were smoke and flames of what once were children going up the chimneys.

There is no way that smoke and flames from seventy years ago can be brought to Facebook's headquarters. Given precedents, it is only when there are new corpses—as we already have had in Charlottesville—that Facebook policy may be impacted. And, realistically, probably not even then.

And so, despite more than 100,000 people around the world demanding that Facebook stop facilitating murderousness (disguised as "mere speech"), Facebook will remain a platform that supports cute animals, baby pictures, amusing anecdotes, racism and killing.

For anyone interested, the information can be found on the Zukerberg REMOVE Holocaust NOW Facebook page.

As I write, there are 104,615 signers. By the time you read this, there will probably be at least several times that many. It may not matter to Facebook. I hope that it will matter to you. ■



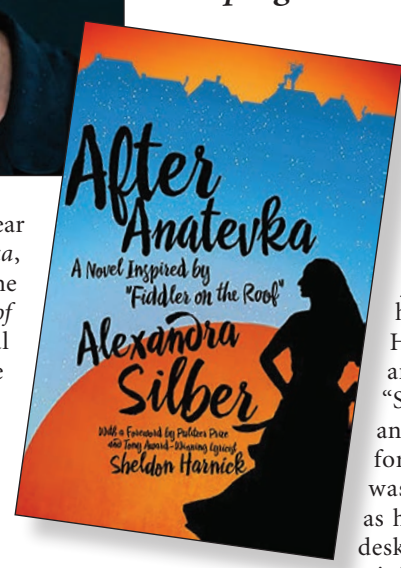
After Anatevka — a stirring sequel to *Fiddler on the Roof*

Emily Slomovits, staff writer

I've loved *Fiddler on the Roof* since I was little, have seen it onstage and in movie form more times than I can count, and have even been in a professional production of the show. Whenever I saw the show or was a part of it, I always wondered what might have happened to these characters who were leaving their home, some willingly, others not, for a new and hopefully better life. Where might they have ended up? Would they ever see members of their family or their friends again?

Because of all these musings I'd had over the years, and because of my love of theatre,

I was extremely intrigued to hear of a new novel, *After Anatevka*, which deals with the lives of the characters of *Fiddler on the Roof* after the story of the musical ends. More interesting still, the novel was written by none other than Alexandra Silber, an accomplished Broadway actress and singer who has played both Hodel in the West End in London, and Tzeitl on Broadway two years ago.



A first-time novelist but well-established blogger, Silber's focused, rich tone for the novel comes from her long experience with writing and her years of living with *Fiddler on the Roof*. It's clear that all of this time spent steeped in the language, culture and history of the iconic musical has resonated deeply with Silber. Instead of taking on the task of trying to tell the stories of all of the major characters of the musical, Silber focuses on Hodel, the witty, determined middle daughter of Tevye the milkman, and on Perchik, her fiancé, a revolutionary. Even with that narrow focus, Silber finds a way to give us a picture of the rest of the family and some people of the town of Anatevka through vivid flashbacks and letters.

Silber brings Hodel and Perchik off the stage and onto the page with reverence, detail, and sympathy. Silber doesn't handle them with kid gloves; she doesn't fall into the trap of saving her precious characters from any scrapes they might encounter. Nor, thankfully, is she gratuitously brutal; Silber simply honors history and good storytelling by showing us that though she loves these characters, she is not afraid to put them through intense hardships. The hardships don't waste any time presenting themselves, either. Hodel begins the book alone, in prison, under suspicion because of her would-be husband's revolutionary ideas. Though the pair eventually end up in the same place, things don't get any easier for them; work camps, jealous, opportunistic and abusive overseers, and more stand in the way of their happiness.

Still, the book manages to be at once a grim picture of life under sometimes horrifying conditions, and a beautiful, sweeping love story. Perchik's feelings for Hodel are described with intimacy and wonder: "There burned a flame within her, a kind of universal wisdom. He was captivated…. His love for her was a reverence, not a worship. It was a joy received from her very existence." Hodel's feelings are charted in kind: "She gazed upon him and stared, breathless for a moment. What was it about Perchik as he lay curled at his desk, enveloped in the mining shirt of coarse, tarnished linen, and fraying trousers? What moved her so as she saw him sleeping there, his visions sprawled before him, laid out like a map of all the universe?"

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Fiddler on the Roof dares to go to dark places, but really only hints at the destruction and anguish in these two characters' futures. *After Anatevka* goes much deeper, fleshing out and beautifully expanding on characters that a musical, even such a rich, deep one that often stretches to three hours, cannot possibly take time to fully develop. The framework is there, and Silber has added onto it with a commendable amount of devotion, curiosity, and understanding.

Fiddler on the Roof shows us the tip of the iceberg, the beginning of what is to come. *After Anatevka* shows us the gritty, unsavory, and downright horrifying realities that these characters, and millions of other real people, experienced before, during, and after the Holocaust. But both of these portraits of that time end in the same stirring way: with hope, that all the hardships will give way to a future of freedom, and that this freedom will bring with it tolerance, understanding and peace ■.

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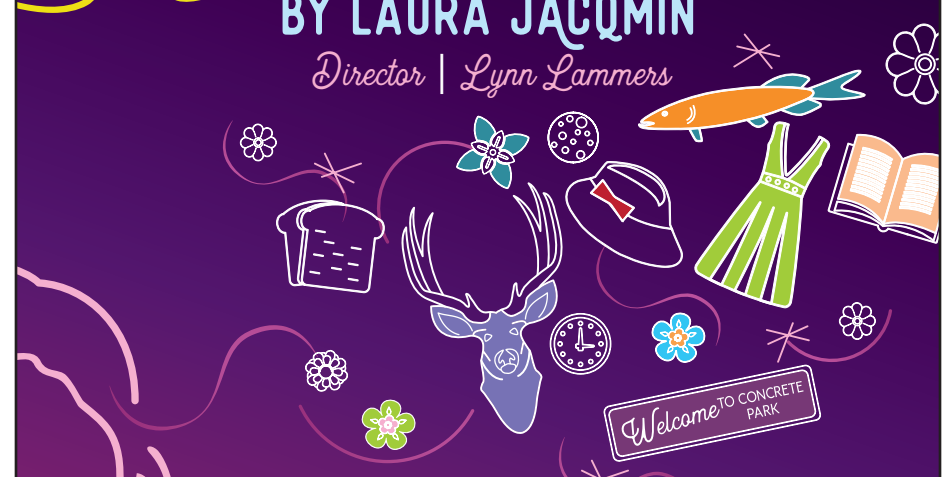

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The smells of Fall

Lonnie Sussman, staff writer

Whoosh! Wasn't it just yesterday that school got out?

That was how I ended this column in June and it's so true. In a flash we are in September and the school year has begun. We celebrate Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and Sukkot in the next few weeks and all I can think of, beside menus and several family weddings, are the smells of Fall.

What does Fall smell like? There is a change in the air, especially in the mornings and evenings when it's cooler. The leaves are starting to change colors and some are even beginning to drop. Decades ago there was the distinctive and wonderful smell of burning leaves but that era is over. Still, I love the way the world smells as I walk down the streets or in the woods.

I've asked several people about their smell memories, especially of food. Several people mentioned chicken soup, the quintessential Jewish food for holidays and healing. Sue Sefansky told me she associates the smell of dill with her mother, z'l' and her chicken soup. Others have mentioned that garlic and dill remind them of the pickle barrels in delis where you could reach in and get a fat sour or half sour pickle. Heather Dombey says certain spices remind her of time spent in India where the Jewish community used those spices to create a blend of Mogul/Arabic/Jewish cuisine. My husband, Ron, remembers the smell of waffles that his dad made them every weekend. I am sure that many of us have very specific smell memories that conjure up a loved one or a specific place or time.

The Kabbalist tradition has the sense of smell connected to the soul directly. Smell is literally built into the mitzvoth of Shabbat and Sukkot. On Friday evening there are the smells of challah, maybe chicken soup or roasting chicken or meat and even the smell of the candles. Claudia Roden, in her great book *The Book of Jewish Food*, writes that there is a custom of putting scented herbs or flowers in the dining area to enhance the beauty of Shabbat. On Saturday night the Havdalah ceremony includes smelling the spices that "revive our spirits." Often these include cinnamon and/or cloves. The lulav and etrog used on Sukkot are also directly connected to our sense of smell. We are commanded to smell the etrog and reminded that the myrtle leaves of the Lulav are there for their sweet smell. For those who use pine branches as the covering for their sukkah there is that glorious smell of the outdoors.

Well, I can't really leave the topic without telling the story of a particularly bad food smell that my brother and I remember. It used to be possible to buy certain organ meats at the kosher butchers. This included liver, of course, but also lungs, brains and spleen. I know, yum, right? Actually, there is a tradition that for Rosh Hashanah some cook an entire sheep's head or parts of the head like the tongue or brains. Again, yum, right? My mother remembers her mother making lungs along with *gedempt fleish* (boiled meat) and it was delicious. My dad loved brain salad but my brother and I remember it smelled HORRIBLE!!!!! It's hard to find these organs for sale in the kosher markets around here but I'll include the recipe for brain salad anyway. Enjoy. ■

Brain salad

Cow's brains, sautéed in a little olive oil on both sides

Add finely chopped onions and parsley and lots of lemon juice. Put into container and take to work and enjoy the comments of coworkers.

Cranberry-apple torte

Serves 10–12. Can be made parve or dairy. I've made it many times as a dessert but it can also be a side dish.

Crust

- 2 cups all -purpose flour
- 2 cups dark brown sugar
- 1-1/2 cup quick cooking or 1 minute oatmeal
- 1 cup mar-parv or butter for dairy meal
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon

Mix this all together but reserve 1-1/2 cups. Press into a 9-inch springform pan coated with nonstick spray. It should fill the bottom and about halfway up the sides of the pan.

Filling

- 4- apples, peeled and cut into small chunks.
- 1 16-ounce can whole berry cranberry sauce
- 2 tablespoons all -purpose flour.

Mix the filling ingredients together and pour into the crust . Sprinkle the remaining crust ingredients over the top and lightly press the oats so they cover the top and meet the crust that is half way up the sides.

Bake at 375° for about 40 minutes.

Kosher by Design *by Susie Fishbein*

Rosh Hashanah, Day 1

Sweet and sour brisket

Serves 8-10, meat

- 1 32- ounce jar sauerkraut, partly drained
- 5 pounds beef brisket
- 1 28-ounce can whole, peeled tomatoes
- 1 16-ounce box dark brown sugar

Pre-heat oven to 350°. Pour the sauerkraut over the brisket. Add the tomatoes including the liquid. Sprinkle with brown sugar. Cover and bake for 3 hours.

Kosher By Design, *by Susie Fishbein*

For Rosh Hashanah, Day 1

Bene Israel fish curry with fresh ginger, tamarind and cilantro

Serves 6, parve

- 2 pounds of firm fish fillets like sea bass, cut into 2-inch pieces
- ½ teaspoon salt or to taste
- ½ teaspoon turmeric
- ½ teaspoon chili powder
- Juice of 1 lime
- 2 cloves garlic
- 1/4 inch of fresh ginger, peeled
- 1/2 cup chopped cilantro
- 2-3 green chilis (or less) stemmed and seeded if you want less heat
- 2 curry leaves
- 1 Tablespoon tamarind paste
- 4 Tablespoons of vegetable oil, divided
- 1 onion
- 1 tomato

Sprinkle the fish with the salt, turmeric, chili powder and lime juice, cover and refrigerate for a couple of hours.

In a food processor fitted with a steel blade, puree the garlic, ginger, cilantro, green chilis, curry leaves, and tamarind into a paste. Then, set this aside.

Heat 3 tablespoons of oil in a large nonstick skillet and saute the fish until golden on both sides, about 2 minutes per side. You may need to do this in batches. Remove and drain on paper towels.

In another skillet saute the chopped onions and tomatoes in the remaining tablespoon of oil.

When ready to eat, put the cooked fish back into the large nonstick skillet and add the sautéed onions, tomatoes and the ginger-cilantro paste. Cook gently just to heat through and have the flavors blend together.

Serve with rice and chutney.

King Solomon's Table, *by Joan Nathan*

Sour cream and dill sauce

Simply combine 2 cups of sour cream with about 1/8 cup snipped dill.

Coffee and spice honey cake

(Serves 10), parve. I know there are many honey cake recipes but this one will really smell good.

- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup strong black coffee
- ¼ cup safflower or vegetable oil
- 4 eggs, separated
- 3-½ cups flour
- 2-½ teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- ¾ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon cloves (optional)
- ½ teaspoon ground ginger
- ¼ teaspoon cream of tartar
- ¾ cup sliced almonds

Preheat oven to 350°. Use an electric mixer and blend the honey, sugar, coffee and oil. Add the egg yolks and beat until light and smooth. In a large second bowl, combine the dry ingredients (flour, baking powder, baking soda, cinnamon, ½ teaspoon of salt, cloves and ginger. Gradually add the flour mixture to the batter, beating until well blended.

In another (3rd) bowl beat the egg whites with the remaining salt and cream of tartar until they form soft peaks. Gently fold them and the almonds into the batter. Pour the batter ungreased 10-inch tube pan. Bake for 1 hour or until an inserted toothpick comes out clean. Remove from the oven and invert onto a wire rack to cook. When cool, use a sharp knife to loosen the cake from the sides and the tube and transfer to a large cake platter.

The Gourmet Jewish Cook, *by Judy Zeidler*

And . . . for Sukkot, a story and a recipe

I once offered to make a vegetarian main dish for someone who was having a Shabbat dinner for many people, some of whom were non-meat eaters. I decided to make a cabbage strudel. On Thursday evening I chopped and sautéed a lot of cabbage and onions. It was in my big soup pot and there was no room in the refrigerator. Thankfully it was winter so I put the pot in the garage in the small plastic recycle bin. In my hurry to get to work the next day, I forgot the pot was there as it was covered by some newspapers I planned to recycle. Yep, out it went. The bin, the pot and the sautéed cabbage and onions. They were all recycled. Friday afternoon I started again and made something like this following recipe which is really tasty.

Cabbage strudel with sour cream and dill sauce

Dairy. Serves 6-8 and freezes easily

- I package filo dough
- 1-1/4 pound unsalted butter, melted
- 2 cups fine bread crumbs
- ¼ cup flour
- 2 tablespoons paprika
- 3 cups finely chopped onions
- 1 large head of cabbage or 2 smaller ones, shredded
- ½ cup dark brown sugar, firmly packed
- Salt and pepper to taste

Melt ¼ cup butter in a large frying pan and add the flour and stir until dissolved. Add the paprika and mix well. Add the onions and saute for about 15 minutes, stirring occasionally so they don't stick. Add the cabbage, brown sugar and salt and pepper to taste. Simmer the mixture partially covered for about an hour. Cool in the refrigerator. If you do this the day before, don't put it out with the recycling.

Melt about 1 pound of butter. Use 4 sheets of filo at a time while keeping the rest covered with a damp towel so they don't dry out. Fold in half from left to right, like a closed book. Open one "page" or sheet at a time and brush with the melted butter and sprinkle lightly with breadcrumbs. Don't brush the butter in the center yet. Turn the book over so the "pages open right to left. Turn one page at a time, butter and sprinkle with the breadcrumbs and then finally brush and sprinkle the center of the book. 2–3 cups of the filling lengthwise on the open book of the filo, about 2 inches from the edge closest to you and about the same from the sides. Cover the filling with the closest edge and enclose it with the sides. Brush with more melted butter. Continue rolling up the filo, jellyroll fashion. Repeat with the rest of the filo. You will probably have 3 rolls of strudel.

Brush the outside with more butter and place on a covered baking sheet in the refrigerator until the butter hardens, about 15–20 minutes. The strudel can either be baked now or frozen for another time. Bake at 350° for about 45 minutes.

September 2018

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Torah Study: TBE. 8:50–9:50 a.m.

Bar Mitzvah Service: Zach Weiner. TBE. 10 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

Selichot Service: Chabad. Led by Rabbi Polter from Oak Park. Overnight Saturday to Sunday at 1:30 a.m.

Selichot Study Session and Havdalah Service: TBE. 8–10 p.m.

Selichot Havdallah: BIC. Reception, Service and Memorial Plaque Dedication. Each year Selichot serves as the opening of the High Holy Day season with its prayers and readings focusing on repentance and promises of renewal in the New Year. Havdallah and light refreshment at 9 p.m. Brief service of dedication of Memorial plaques in the Sanctuary at 10 p.m., followed by the Selichot Service.

Shabbat services: *See listing at the end of the calendar.*

Sunday 2

Tanya–Jewish Mysticism: Chabad. Delve into the basic text of Chassidim and discover the beauty and depth of Judaism. 10:30–11:30 a.m. *Sundays.*

Monday 3

WTBE Fiber Arts: TBE. Offsite. 7:30–9:30 p.m

Tuesday 4

Yidish tish (Yiddish Conversational Group): All levels and ages welcome for conversation in mame-loshn, literally the "mother tongue." Temporarily meeting in Panera Bread Café, 777 North University Avenue at South Thayer Street. (The group anticipates meeting in the Michigan League again beginning sometime in the Fall Semester of 2018, but this depends on when a new restaurant/market opens in the League in the former meeting location.) Phone (734) 936-2367 or e-mail egertel@umich.edu ***before*** attending to make sure the group is meeting (and where) on the day you plan to attend. Note: The group will not *meet on Tuesday, Sept. 11 in observance of Rosh Hashanah.* For information, email egertel@umich.edu or phone (734) 936-2367. 1:30 p.m. *Tuesdays.*

Kol Halev Rehearsal: TBE. 7:30–9 p.m.

Tea and Torah on Tuesday—for Women: Chabad. Reading the Torah may be easy, but understanding it is no simple matter. Study of the text with the classical Rashi commentary. 8 p.m. *Tuesdays.*

Wednesday 5

Teacher Orientation: TBE. 6–9 p.m.

Hands-on Challah Baking: Jewish Women's Circle. Presented by Esther Goldstein and held at her home. Requested donation of $10. Space is limited. Email esther@jewmich.com to reserve a place. 7:30 p.m.

Theology Book Club: BIC. 8 p.m.

Thursday 6

TBE Baking Mavens: TBE. 9 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Back Door Food Pantry: TBE. 4–7 p.m.

Apples & Honey & Lots, Lots More! JCC. Join the J for this 30th Annual community event celebrating the fall Jewish holidays. What started in 1988 as a small event has since grown to this much-anticipated community wide celebration. Check www.jccannarbor.org for more details. 5–7 p.m.

Madrichim Workshop: TBE. 6–8 p.m.

Kol Halev Rehearsal: Held at Eastern Michigan University's Pease Auditorium. 7–8:30 p.m.

Talmud–Jewish Civil Law: Chabad. Sharpen your wits and knowledge of the Jewish legal system by following the intriguing discussions in the Talmud. The Talmud is a composite of practical law, logical argumentation and moral teachings. Study from the original Talmud tractate. 8 p.m. *Thursdays.*

Friday 7

Lunch and Learn: TBE. Noon–1 p.m.

Jewish Karate/Shalom Gever: TBE. 4–5 p.m.

Family Shabbat Services: TBE. Tot Shabbat from 5:45–6:15 p.m. Tot Shabbat Dinner from 6:15–6:45 p.m. Shira from 6:45–7:15 p.m. Shabbat Service: WTBE Board Installation from 7:30–9 p.m.

Friday evening services: *See listing at the end of the calendar.*

Saturday 8

Religious School: TBE. 8:30–10:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Torah Study: TBE. 8:50–9:50 a.m.

B'not Mitzvah Service: TBE. 10 a.m.–Noon.

Tot Shabbat: BIC. Special Shabbat morning program for preschoolers and their parents with songs, stories, and prayers, plus the Shabbat "Mystery Box." Second and fourth Saturday of each month. 11:15 a.m.

Shabbat services: *See listing at the end of the calendar.*

Sunday 9

Tanya–Jewish Mysticism: Chabad. Delve into the basic text of Chassidim and discover the beauty and depth of Judaism. 10:30–11:30 a.m. *Sundays.*

Erev Rosh Hashanah Celebration and Services: BIC. Family Celebration (not a service) will be led by Rabbi Caine, Sarah Klein, and Davey Rosen. Geared towards preschool children through 4th grade and their parents, but all ages are welcome. 4–5:30 p.m. in the Beth Israel Courtyard. Families participate in a story walk, tashlich, and enjoying desserts. Maariv Service at 8 p.m. Dessert Reception from 9:15–10:30 p.m.

Rosh Hashanah Observance: JCS. As the first day of the Jewish year, Rosh Hashanah marks a turning point in the year as a separation between what was and what will be. It offers a time for Secular Humanistic Jews to pause in their daily lives and reflect on their behavior and renew their commitment to their best selves and highest values. Rosh Hashanah at the Jewish Cultural Society provides a time for renewal, reflection, and new beginnings. The blast of the shofar brings the community together to begin this time of reflection through music, readings, and a creative observance. Held at the JCC. Register at jewishculturalsociety.org. For information, email info@jewishculturalsociety.org. 7 p.m.

Erev Rosh Hashanah Services: AARC. Held at Unitarian Universalist Building, 4001 Ann Arbor-Saline Road. 7–8:30 p.m.

Rosh Hashanah Services: Chabad. Candle lighting at 7:27 p.m. Afternoon/Evening Services at 7:35 p.m.

Erev Rosh Hashanah Service: TBE. Held at Pease Auditorium. 8–10 p.m.

Monday 10

Rosh Hashanah Services: BIC. Shaharit Service at 8 a.m. Children's Programs for K–5 and 6–8 grades at 10 a.m. Teen Lunch and Discussion in GSAC 2010 Washtenaw Avenue at Noon. Mincha followed by Tashlich at 5:40 p.m. Maariv at 7:55 p.m.

Hashanah Services: TBE. Held at Eastern Michigan University's Pease Auditorium. Family Service from 9–10:30 a.m. Morning Service from 10:45 a.m.–Noon.

AARTY Rosh Hashanah Service and Brunch: TBE. 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Rosh Hashanah Services and Programs: Chabad. Morning Services at 9:45 a.m. Sounding of the Shofar, followed by festive meal at 11:30 a.m. Afternoon Services and Tashlich Riverside Services at 4 p.m. Candle lighting after 8:34 p.m.

Rosh Hashanah Services: AARC. Held at Unitarian Universalist Building, 4001 Ann Arbor-Saline Road. First day services from 9:30 a.m.–1 p.m. Children's Service from 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Tashlich: TBE. Held at Riverside Park, Ypsilanti. 1:45–2:45 p.m.

Tashlich: JCS. The community gathers on the banks of the Huron River for coffee and pastries and a chance to "cast off" or let go of shortcomings of the past year. As participants promise to strive to become better people, they toss beautiful flower petals into the river, a "concrete expression" of hope for the future. Register at jewishculturalsociety.org. For information, email info@jewishculturalsociety.org. 4 p.m.

Birthday of the World: TBE. 4:30–5:30 p.m.

Tashlich: AARC. Gather at the JCC and walk to Mallet's Creek. 5 p.m.

Tuesday 11

Rosh Hashanah Services: BIC. Shaharit Service at 8 a.m. Children's Programs K–5 at 10 a.m. Mincha and Maariv at 7:45 p.m.

Rosh Hashanah Services: Chabad. Morning Services at 9:45 a.m. Sounding of the Shofar at 11:30 a.m. Afternoon/Evening Services at 7:35 p.m.

Wednesday 12

Rosh Hashanah Services: Chabad. Fast of Gedalya begins at 5:46 a.m. Morning Services at 7:20 a.m. Fast ends at 8:25 p.m.

Hebrew School: TBE. 4:30–5:30 p.m.

Theology Book Club: BIC. 8 p.m.

Thursday 13

Luncheon Service: TBE. At Glacier Hills. 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

Kol Halev Rehearsal: TBE. 7:30–9 p.m.

Talmud–Jewish Civil Law: Chabad. See first Thursday of month for details. 8 p.m. *Thursdays.*

Friday 14

Lunch and Learn: TBE. Noon–1 p.m.

Jewish Karate/Shalom Gever : TBE. 4–5 p.m.

Family Shabbat Services: TBE. Tot Shabbat from 5:45–6:15 p.m. Tot Shabbat Dinner from 6:15–6:45 p.m. Shira from 6:45–7:15 p.m. Shabbat Service from 7:30–9 p.m.

Friday evening services: *See listing at the end of the calendar.*

Saturday 15

Torah Study: TBE. 8:50–9:50 a.m.

Bat Mitzvah Service: TBE. 10 a.m.–Noon.

Religious School: TBE. 10:45 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Baby Shabbat: TBE. 10:45 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

Rishonim and Kadima Event: TBE. 1–4 p.m.

Shabbat services: *See listing at the end of the calendar.*

Sunday 16

Sukkah Construction: BIC. 9:30 a.m.

Tanya–Jewish Mysticism: Chabad. Delve into the basic text of Chassidim and discover the beauty and depth of Judaism. 10:30–11:30 a.m. *Sundays.*

Kever Avot Service: TBE. Arborcrest Memorial Park. 11 a.m.–Noon.

Kevot Ceremony: BIC. Beth Israel Memorial Gardens at Arborcrest Memorial Park. 12:30 p.m.

Sunday School Fall Open House: JCS. All are invited to enjoy refreshments and fun activities while learning about the Jewish Cultural Society's Sunday School at the County Farm Park, 2230 Platt Road. Register at jewishculturalsociety.org. For information, email info@jewishculturalsociety.org. 2–4 p.m.

Dennis Gordon Art Reception: JCC. Meet the artist at this reception for his exhibition. For more information contact Karen at (734) 971-0990 or via email at karenfreedland@jccannarbor.org. 3–5 p.m.

Hebrew School: TBE. 3–5 p.m.

Shir Chadash: TBE. 5–6 p.m.

Religious School: TBE. 6–7:30 p.m.

Kol Halev Rehearsal: TBE. 6:15–7:45 p.m.

Monday 17

Tuesday 18

Yidish tish (Yiddish Conversational Group). 1:30 p.m. *See first Tuesday of month.*

Kol Nidre: AARC. Held at Unitarian Universalist Building, 4001 Ann Arbor-Saline Road. Gathering and candle lighting at 6:45 p.m. Service begins promptly at 7 p.m.

Kol Nidre: JCS. Kol Nidre provides further opportunities for individual reflection and an opportunity to listen to the haunting melody of Kol Nidre. Register at jewishculturalsociety.org. For information, email info@jewishculturalsociety.org. 7 p.m.

Yom Kippur Services: Chabad. Candle lighting at 7:21 p.m. Fast begins at 7:39 p.m. Evening Services at 7 p.m.

Kol Nidre: BIC. Service at 7:15 p.m. 9th–12th Grade Service held downstairs at 7:15 p.m. An Opportunity for Meditation held ten minutes after conclusion of Kol Nidre Service in GSAC 2010 Washtenaw Avenue.

AARTY Kol Nidre Reception and Service: TBE. Reception from 7–8 p.m. Service from 8–9 p.m.

Kol Nidre: TBE. Pease Auditorium. 8–10 p.m.

Wednesday 19

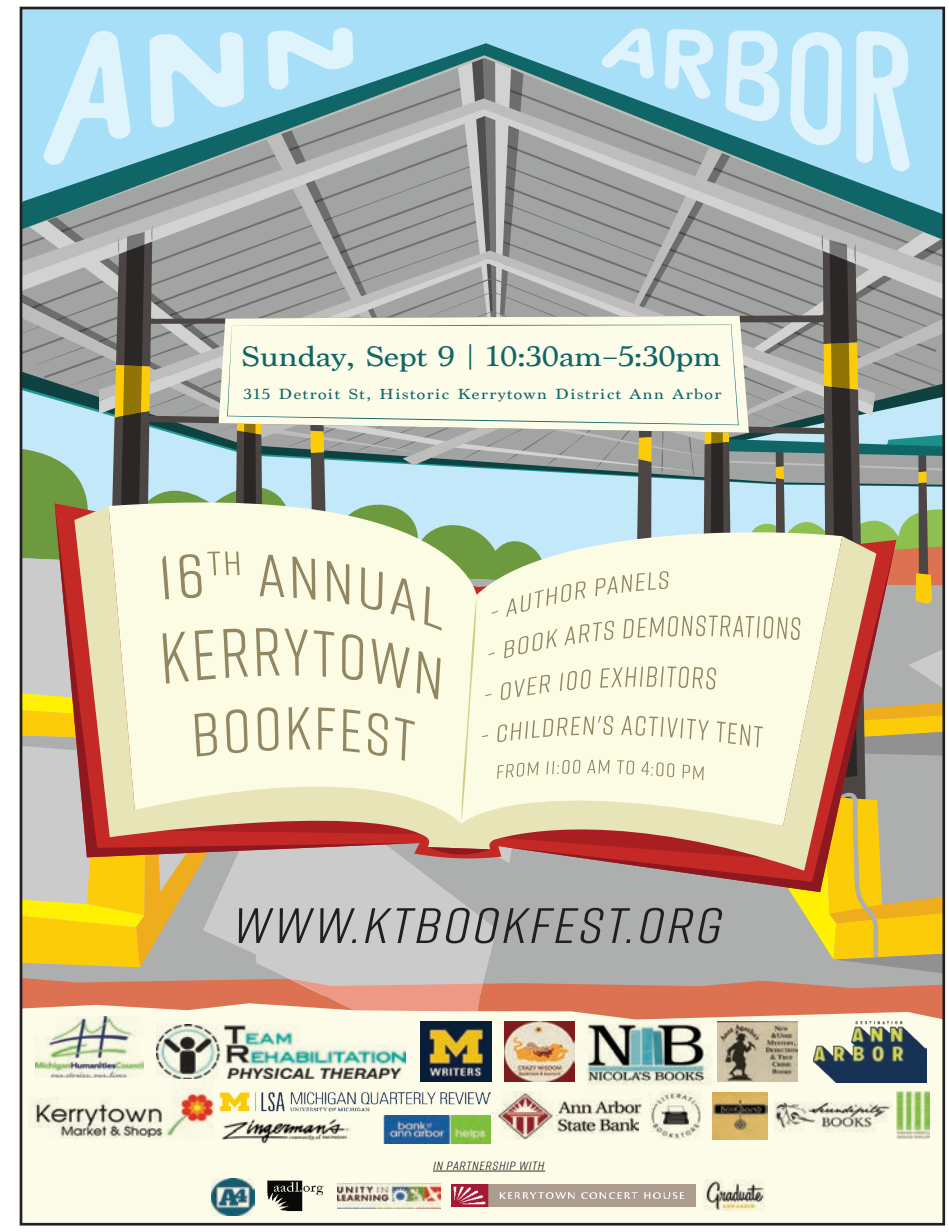
Yom Kippur Services: BIC. Shaharit Services at 8 a.m. Children's Programs for K–5 and 6th–8th Grade at 10 a.m. Yizkor Memorial Service at approximately 11 a.m. Study session at 4:30 p.m. Mincha Service at 5:20 p.m. Neilah Service at 6:50 p.m. Break-the-Fast with light refreshments at 8:20 p.m.

AARTY Hunger Games: TBE. 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

Yom Kippur Services: TBE. Held at Eastern Michigan University's Pease Auditorium. Family Service from 9–10:30 a.m. Morning Service from 10:45 a.m.–Noon. Afternoon Service held at TBE from 4–5:30 p.m. Yizkor/Neilah Service held at TBE from 6–7 p.m. Women of TBE Break-the-Fast held at TBE from 6:30–8 p.m.

Yom Kippur Services: Chabad. Morning Services at 9:45 a.m. Yizkor Memorial Services at 12:30 p.m. Afternoon/Evening Services at 5 p.m. Fast ends at 8:15 p.m.

Yom Kippur Services: AARC. Held at Unitar-



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Amanda Forsyth, cello

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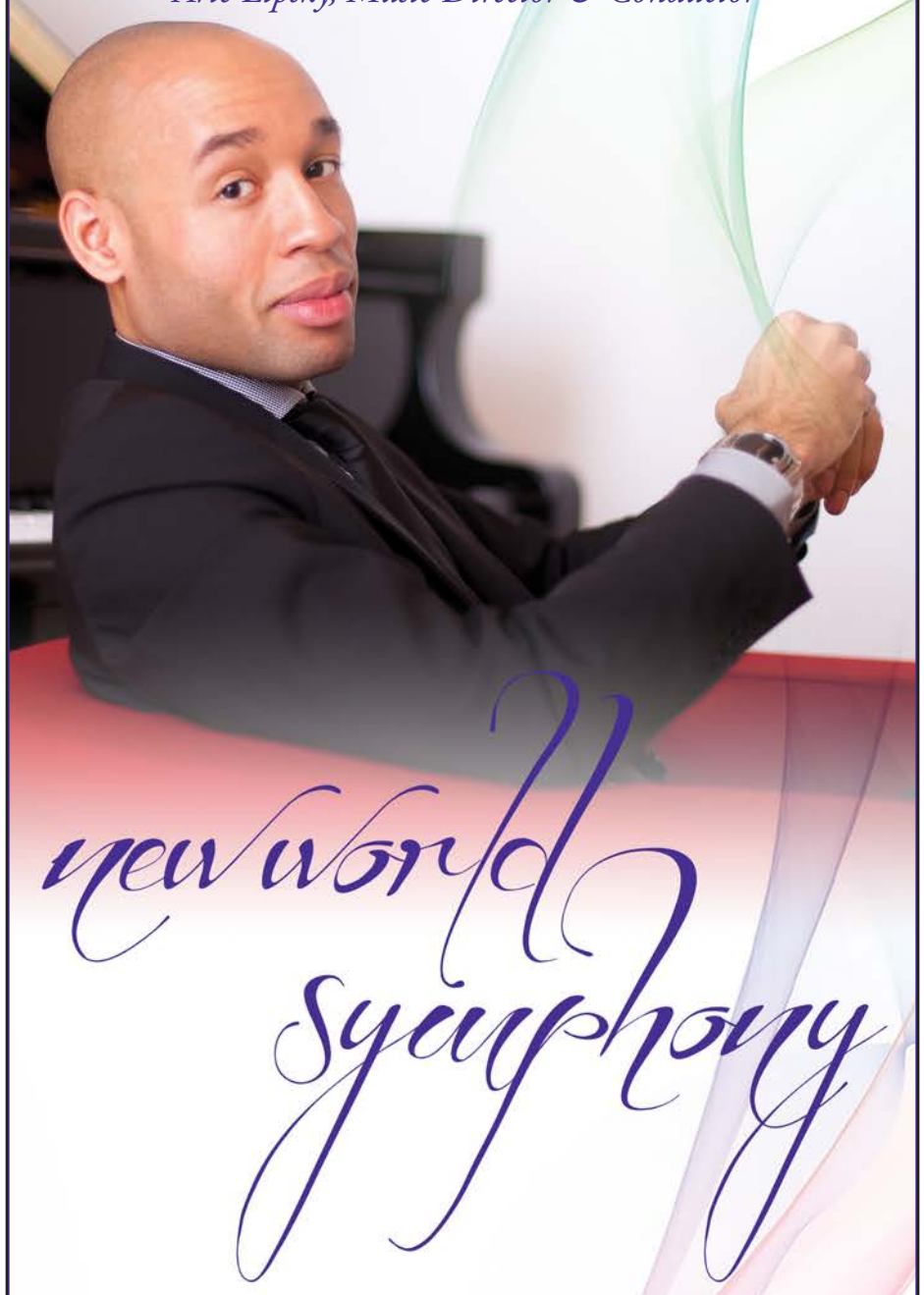

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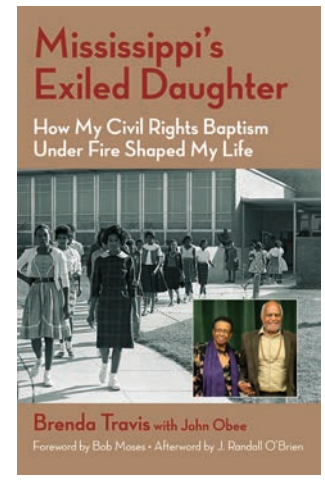

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

7–8:30 PM • DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

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ian Universalist Building, 4001 Ann Arbor-Saline Road. Morning and Torah Service from 10 a.m.–2 p.m. Children's Service from 10:30–11:30 a.m. Afternoon programming from 2:15–5 p.m. Yizkor with a non-traditional service offering mourners the opportunity to share some words (five minutes or less) about the person they lost. 5:30–6:45 p.m. Neilah/Shofar from 7–8:15 p.m. Break-the-Fast at 8:15 p.m. or when three stars appear. All are invited, but advance reservations are required at https://aarecon.org/break-the-fast-signup/.

Yom Kippur Observance: JCS. Yom Kippur brings the 10 days of the Jewish New Year to a close. On Yom Kippur day, participants consider how their actions affect the greater community. While examining the world, and considering the Jewish tradition of Tikkun Olam, participants look inside themselves to see how they can make a difference. Unlike the other JCS events, this one is more intimate and members of the community take turns reading. Register at jewishculturalsociety.org. For information, email info@jewishculturalsociety.org. Held at the JCC. 2 p.m.

Study Session: TBE. 2:45–3:45 p.m.

Break-the-Fast Potluck: JCS. To close the high holidays, JCS members and friends gather for a community potluck at the end of Yom Kippur. All are invited to attend and bring a vegetarian and nut-free dish to share, whether or not they have been fasting. Register at jewishculturalsociety.org. For information, email info@jewishculturalsociety.org. Held at the JCC. 6 p.m.

For information, email info@jewishculturalsociety.org.

Thursday 20

Third Thursday @ the J: Dr. Amanda Leggett: JCC. While the media touts "super-agers," who remain illness-free and run marathons in their nineties, the reality is that those blessed with the genetics to age without any disease or disability are the minority. This presentation by Dr. Amanda Leggett, Research Assistant Professor for U of M's Medical School, will define positive aging and how older adults may age well. Her talk is titled, "With mirth and laughter let old wrinkles come: How to age well by playing the cards you've been dealt." Offered free of charge, but registration is requested at https://ops1.operations.daxko.com/Online/4088/ProgramsV2/Home.mvc. An optional lunch will be available for purchase (must be reserved at least 1 day in advance). For menus and more information, phone (734) 971-0990. 12–1 p.m.

Back Door Food Pantry: TBE. 4–7 p.m.

Brotherhood Guys' Night Out: TBE. 6–7:30 p.m.

Lulav and Etrog: Chabad. Annual community event of putting together the four species and making the Lulav. For more details, phone (734) 995-3276. Lulav and Etrog pick-up is from 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Friday 21

Lunch and Learn: TBE. Noon–1 p.m.

Jewish Karate/Shalom Gever: TBE. 4–5 p.m.

Tot Shabbat Dinner: TBE. 7:30–9 p.m.

Friday evening services: *See listing at the end of the calendar.*

Saturday 22

Religious School: TBE. 8:30–10:15 a.m.

Torah Study: TBE. 8:50–9:50 a.m.

Chapel Service: TBE. 10 a.m.–Noon

Religious School: TBE. 10:45 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Preschool 3: TBE. 10:45 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Madrichim Training: TBE. 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Tot Shabbat: BIC. 11:15 a.m.

Shabbat services: *See listing at the end of the calendar.*

Sunday 23

Religious School Begins: BIC. 9:30 a.m.

Executive Committee Meeting: BIC. 9:30 a.m.

Tanya–Jewish Mysticism: Chabad. Delve into the basic text of Chassidim and discover the beauty and depth of Judaism. 10:30–11:30 a.m. *Sundays.*

Sukkot Celebration: JCS. All are welcome to participate in the JCS Sukkot festivities including crafts, decorating the sukkah, snacks and drinks. Participants are invited to bring a vegetarian, nut-free dish to share. Register at jewishculturalsociety.org. For information, email info@jewishculturalsociety.org. Held at the JCC. 10:30 a.m.

Hebrew School: TBE. 3–5 p.m.

Sukkot Family Program: TBE. 4:30–6:30 p.m.

Religious School: TBE. 6–7:30 p.m.

Erev Sukkot Maariv: BIC. 7:30 p.m.

Sukkot Services: Chabad. Candle lighting at 7:12 p.m. Afternoon/Evening Services at 7:15 p.m.

Monday 24

Sukkot Services: Chabad. Morning Services at 9:45 a.m. Afternoon/Evening Services at 7:15 p.m. Candle lighting after 8:10 p.m.

Sukkot Services and Luncheon: BIC. Morning Service at 9:30 a.m. Kiddush Luncheon in the Sukkah at Noon. Maariv at 7:30 p.m.

Brotherhood Sukkot Service and Dinner: TBE. 6–8 p.m.

Women's Torah Study: TBE. 7–9 p.m.

Tuesday 25

Sukkot Services: BIC. Morning Service at 9:30 a.m. Mincha and Maariv at 6:45 p.m.

Sukkot Services: Chabad. Morning Services at 9:45 a.m.

Yidish tish (Yiddish Conversational Group). 1:30 p.m. *See first Tuesday of month.*

Spirituality Book Club: TBE. 7–9 p.m.

Tea and Torah on Tuesday—for Women: Chabad. 8 p.m. *See first Tuesday of month*

Wednesday 26

Hebrew School: TBE. 4:30–6:30 p.m.

Pizza in the Hut: BIC. Meet in the Beth Israel Sukkah at 6 p.m. Dinner is $8 per adult, with children ages 3 and under free. RSVP by September 21 to office@bethisrael-aa.org or online on the Beth Israel website. 6 p.m.

Board Meeting: BIC. 8 p.m.

Theology Book Club: BIC. 8 p.m.

Thursday 27

Spirituality Book Club: TBE. Noon–1 p.m.

Men's Talmud Study: TBE. 7:30–9 p.m.

Talmud–Jewish Civil Law: Chabad. See first Thursday of month for details. 8 p.m. *Thursdays.*

Friday 28

Lunch and Learn: TBE. Noon–1 p.m.

Jewish Karate/Shalom Gever: TBE. 4–5 p.m.

First Grade Dinner and Consecration: TBE. 5–6:30 p.m.

Tot Shabbat: TBE. Tot Shabbat from 6–6:30 p.m.

Shabbat Achat Service and First Grade Consecration: TBE. 6:30–8 p.m.

Friday evening services: *See listing at the end of the calendar.*

Saturday 29

Religious School: TBE. 8:30–10:15 a.m. and 10:45–12:30 p.m.

Torah Study: TBE. 8:50–9:50 a.m.

Bat Mitzvah Service: TBE. 10 a.m.–Noon.

Preschool 4 Sukkot Family Program: TBE. 10:45 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Madrichim Training: TBE. 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Sukkot Open House and Havdallah: TBE. Rabbi Whinston's Home. 5–8 p.m.

Shabbat services: *See listing at the end of the calendar.*

Sunday 30

Hashanah Rabbah: Chabad. Morning Services. Everyone will receive their own bunch of willows for the services. 8:20 a.m.

Hebrew School: TBE. 3–5 p.m.

Shir Chadash: TBE. 5–6:30 p.m.

Steak and Salmon in the Sukkah: BIC. Enjoy a more elaborate dinner than usual to celebrate Sukkot. The menu is ribeye steak, maple glazed salmon, roasted seasonal root vegetables, mashed potatoes, dessert and fruit. Vegetarian option is mushroom and vegetable strudel. $25 per person. Payments due by September 26. Only paid reservations may be accepted and because of the holiday and Shabbat, no reservation can be accepted after that date. The dinner will take place rain or shine; in case of rain the dinner will be held in the Social Hall. Register and pay online on the Beth Israel website or email office@bethisrael-aa.org. 6 p.m.

Religious School: TBE. 6–7:30 p.m.

Shemini Atzeret: Chabad. Afternoon/Evening Services at 6:40 p.m. Candle lighting at 7 p.m. Dancing with the Torah for Shemini Atzeret.

Erev Shemini Atzeret: Maariv at 7:30 p.m.

October 1

Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah: Chabad. Morning Services and Memorial Services at 9:45 a.m. Afternoon/Evening Services at 7 p.m. Simchat Torah Candle lighting after 7:58 p.m. Simchat Torah with all night dancing at 7:40 p.m.

October 2

Simchat Torah: Chabad. Morning Services with Torah dancing at 9:45 a.m., followed by annual deli Simchat Torah lunch. Afternoon/Evening Services at 7 p.m.

Weekly Friday night Shabbat services

Shabbat Service: AAOM. Services held at UM Hillel. Call (734) 994-9258 in advance to confirm time.

Shabbat Service: BIC. 6 p.m.

Shabbat Service: TBE. Tot Shabbat at 6 p.m., followed by tot dinner. Traditional Service at 7:30 p.m. Once a month Middle School Service at 7:30 p.m. For information, call (734) 665-4744.

Shabbat Service: AARC. Every fourth Friday at the JCC. Tot Shabbat from 5:45–6:15 p.m. Pizza for the little ones at 6:15 p.m. Service at 6:30 p.m., followed by vegetarian potluck at 8 p.m. Childcare during service. All are welcome to attend. For information, email info@aarecon.org, phone (734) 445-1910, or visit www.aarecon.org.

Shabbat Service: Chabad. Begins at candle lighting time. Home hospitality available for Shabbat meals and Jewish holidays. Call (734) 995-3276 in advance.

Weekly Shabbat services

Shabbat Services: AAOM. Morning service, 9:30 a.m. Evening service, 35 minutes before sunset. Call (734) 662-5805 for information. Mincha/Ma'ariv with Seudah Shlisheet and Dvar Torah every week. Torah topics and a bite to eat. Discussions led by Rabbi Rod Glogower and other local scholars. Home hospitality available for Shabbat meals. UM Hillel.

Shabbat Services: BIC. 9:30 a.m. For other service times, visit www.bethisrael-aa.org.

Shabbat Services: AARC. Second Saturday of each month at the JCC. 10 a.m. Ta-Shma/Come and Learn. Service begins at 10:30 a.m. Traditional liturgy with music, chanting and contemporary readings and discussion. For information, email info@aarecon.org, phone (734) 445-1910, or visit www.aarecon.org.

Shabbat Services: Chabad. Friday night services at Shabbat candle lighting time. Saturday morning services at 9:45 a.m. Afternoon services 45 minutes before sundown. Call (734) 995-3276 for Home Hospitality and Meals for Shabbat and Jewish Holidays.

Shabbat Services: Pardes Hannah. Generally meets the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month. Call (734) 663-4039 for more information. 10 a.m. Led by Rabbi Elliot Ginsburg.

Shabbat Services: TBE. Torah Study at 8:50 a.m. Morning Minyan with Rabbi Josh Whinston and Cantor Regina Lambert-Hayut at 9:30 a.m. Sanctuary Service at 10 a.m. most weeks. Call the office at (734) 665-4744 or consult website at www.templebethemeth.org for service details.

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Phone numbers and addresses of organizations frequently listed in the calendar:

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Ann Arbor Reconstructionist Congregation (AARC)
2935 Birch Hollow Drive (734) 913-9705
Beth Israel Congregation (BIC)
2000 Washtenaw Ave. (734) 665-9897
Chabad House
715 Hill Street (734) 995-3276
Jewish Community Center (JCC)
2935 Birch Hollow Drive (734) 971-0990
Jewish Cultural Society (JCS)
2935 Birch Hollow Drive (734) 975-9872
Jewish Family Services (JFS)
2245 South State Street (734) 769-0209

Jewish Federation
2939 Birch Hollow Drive (734) 677-0100
Pardes Hannah
2010 Washtenaw Ave. (734) 761-5324
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Mazel tov

Zach Weiner on his bar mitzvah, September 1.
Rachel Farquharson on her bat mitzvah, September 8.
Lily Kohn on her bat mitzvah, September 8.
Audrey Weizer on her bat mitzvah, September 15.
Bella Simonte on her bat mitzvah, September 29.
Margery Adelson on the birth of granddaughter Julianne Kora, daughter of Gretchen Adelson and Michael Kaplan.
Edward and Cheryl D'Angelo on the birth of their granddaughter, Mae Laurel, daughter of Jonathan and Anne-Lise D'Angelo, and great granddaughter of Esther Goldman.
Jim Morgenstern on the marriage of his son, Ilan Morgenstern, to Karina Bharne.
Enoch and Liz Brater on the marriage of their son, Jonathan Brater, to Allyse Falce.
Shoshannah Lenski and Sam Firke on the birth of their son, Ezra Emanuel Firke.
Donna Shewach and Stanton Elias on the birth of their grandson, Yosef Meir Ivgi, son of Chana Sara.
Michelle Silver, daughter of Dorit Adler and Terry M. Silver, on her engagement to Stephen Levine, son of Leslie and Ken Levine of Beachwood, Ohio.
Lucinda Kurtz and Oran Hesterman on the birth of their grandson, Henry Nikolai Arlin Hallenborg, son of Matt and Paulina Hallenborg, on August 8.

Condolences

Gayle Rosen on the death of her father, Burton Rosen, May 21.
Stephen and Debra Pinals on the death of their son, Avram (Avi) Pinals, also nephew of David and Renee Pinsky, May 25.
Benedette Palazzola on the death of her mother, Louise Palazzola, June 8.
Rabbi Sara Adler on the death of her father, Jim O'Donnell, June 9.
The family of Richard Gilman on his death, June 19.
Mark Rosenwasser on the death of his mother, Shirley Rosenwasser, June 22.
Owen Perlman on the death of his mother, Elaine Perlman, June 26.
The family of Marilyn Gallatin on her death, July 16.
Laura Mordis on the death of her mother, Sophie Mordis. August 7.
Steve Goldstein on the death of his father, Edwin Lakin. August 8.
Linda Greene on the death of her mother, Blanche Cohen.

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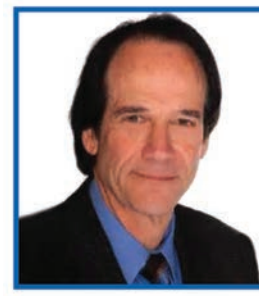
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